

# FAIRY TAIL

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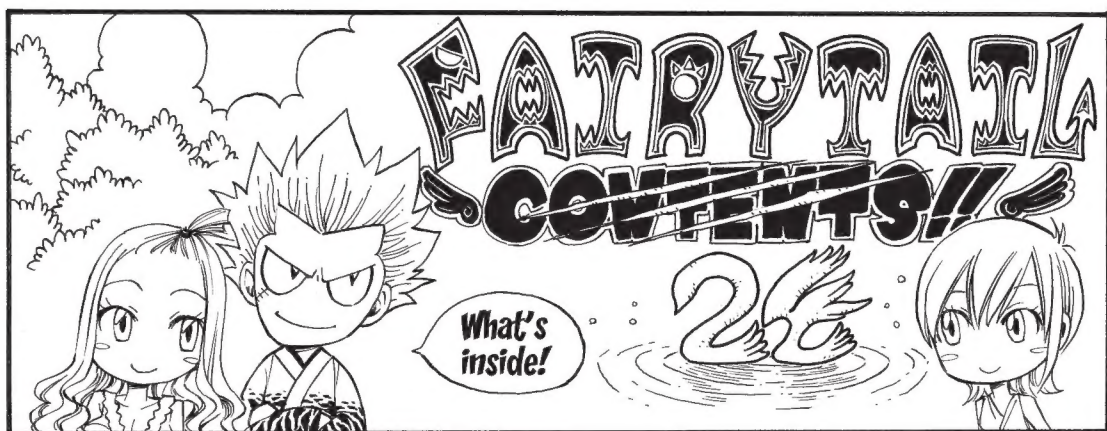
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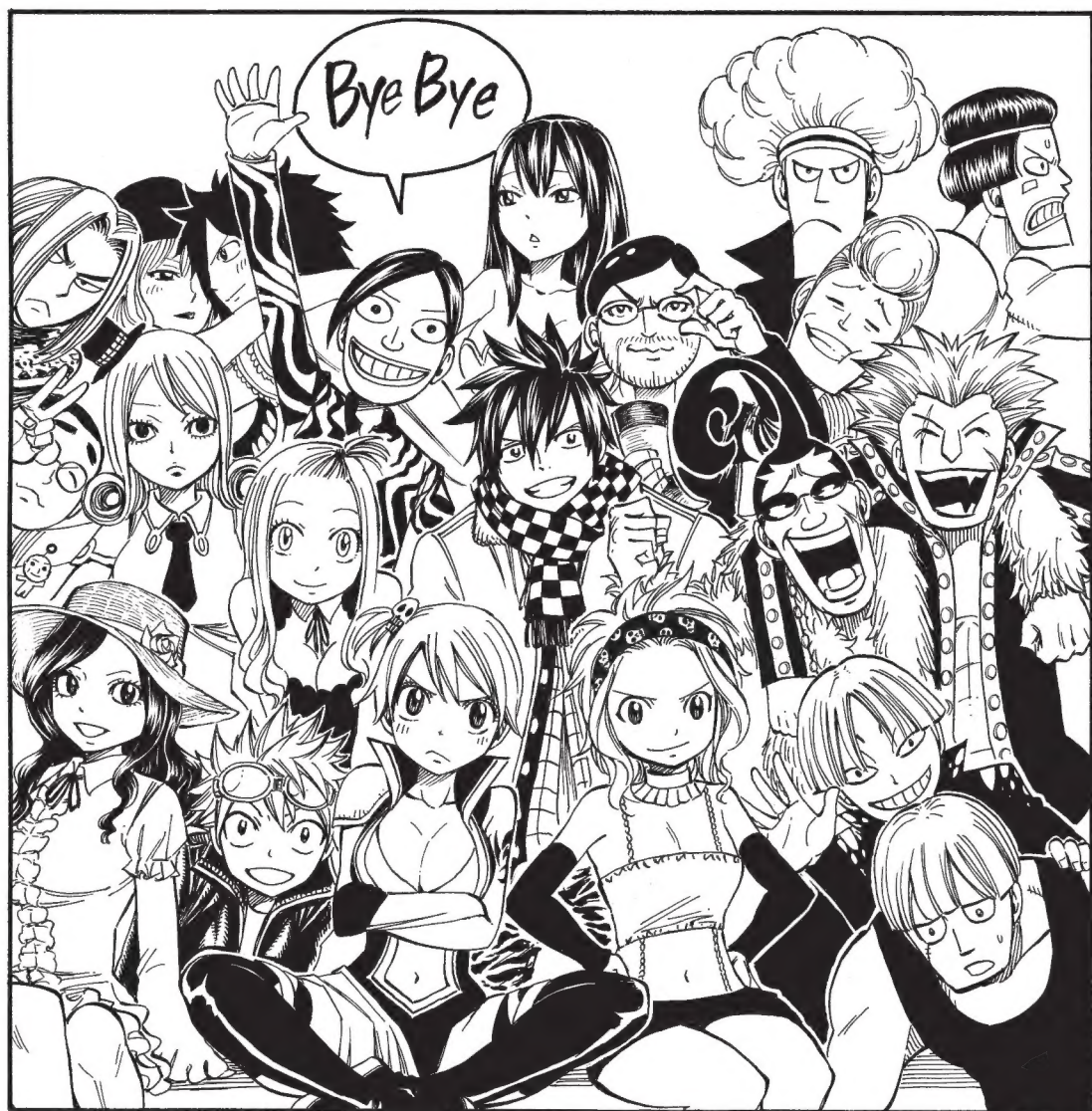
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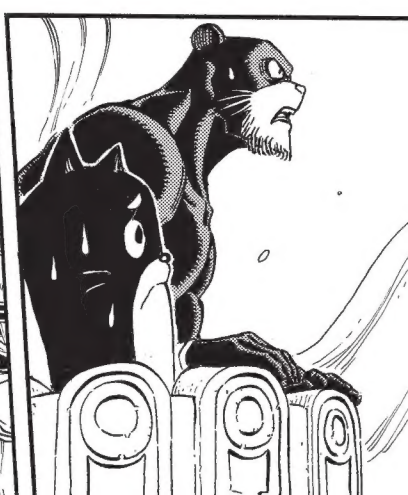
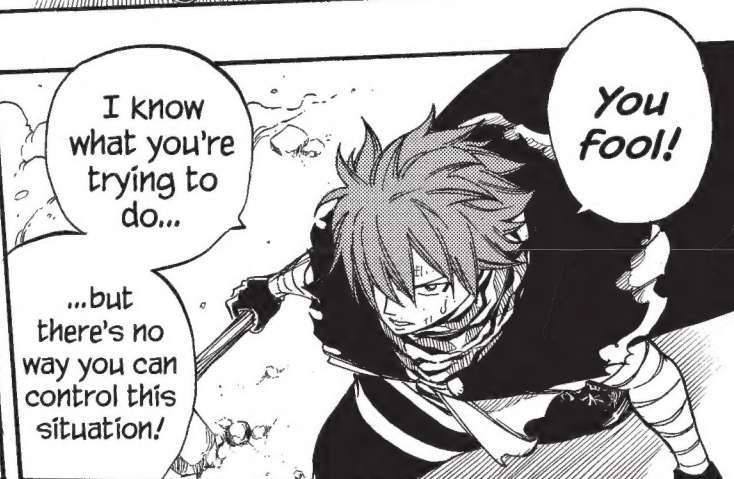
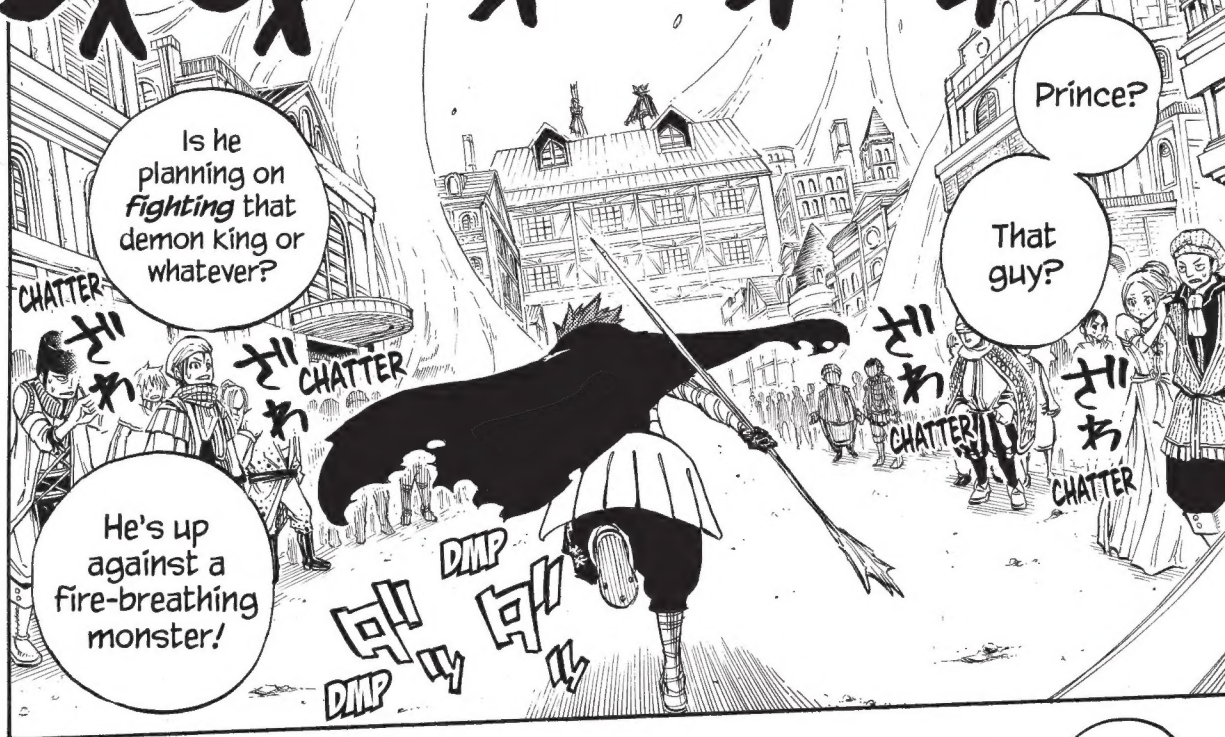
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## Chapter 197: Bye-Bye Fairy Tail





# RROROROR







Sleep  
...!!



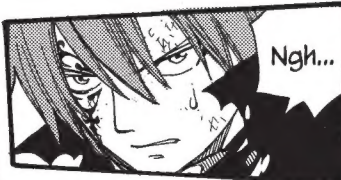
Magic  
is  
power  
!!!!

I'll  
bet  
you  
are  
!!!!



Are ya  
shiverin'  
cause  
you  
got no  
magic  
?

What's  
the  
prob-  
lem?



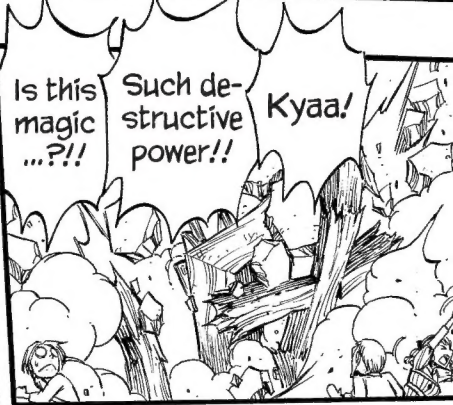
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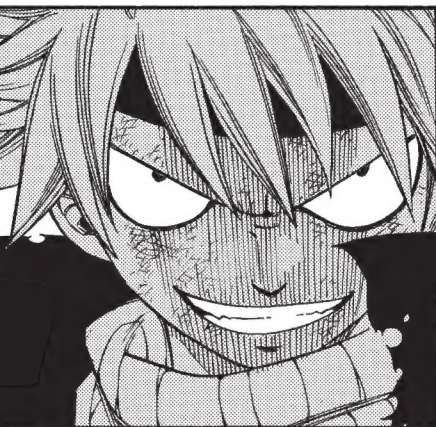
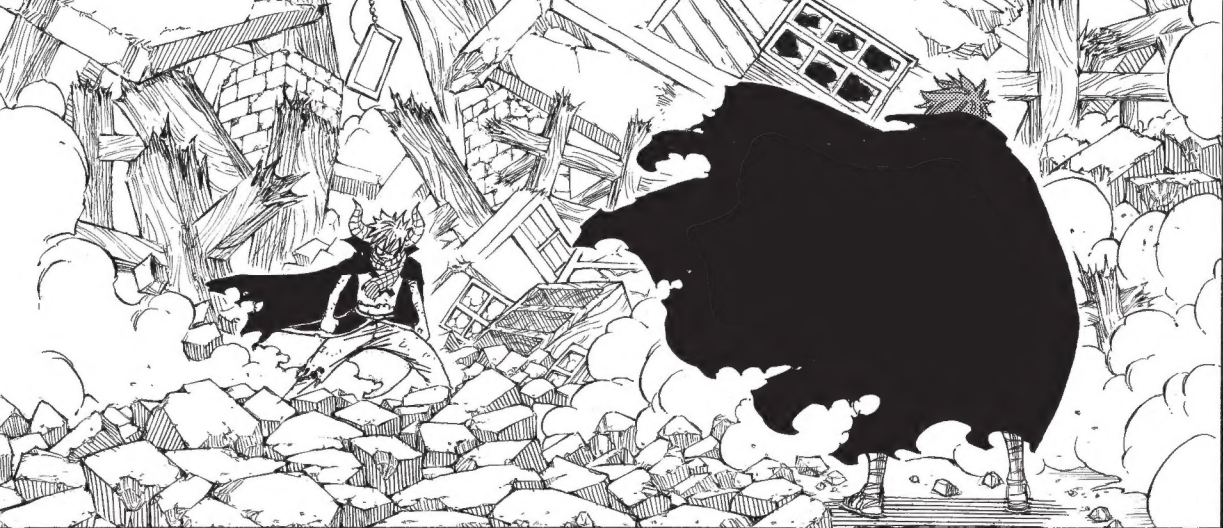
The  
magic...

... was  
sucked  
into the  
anima...

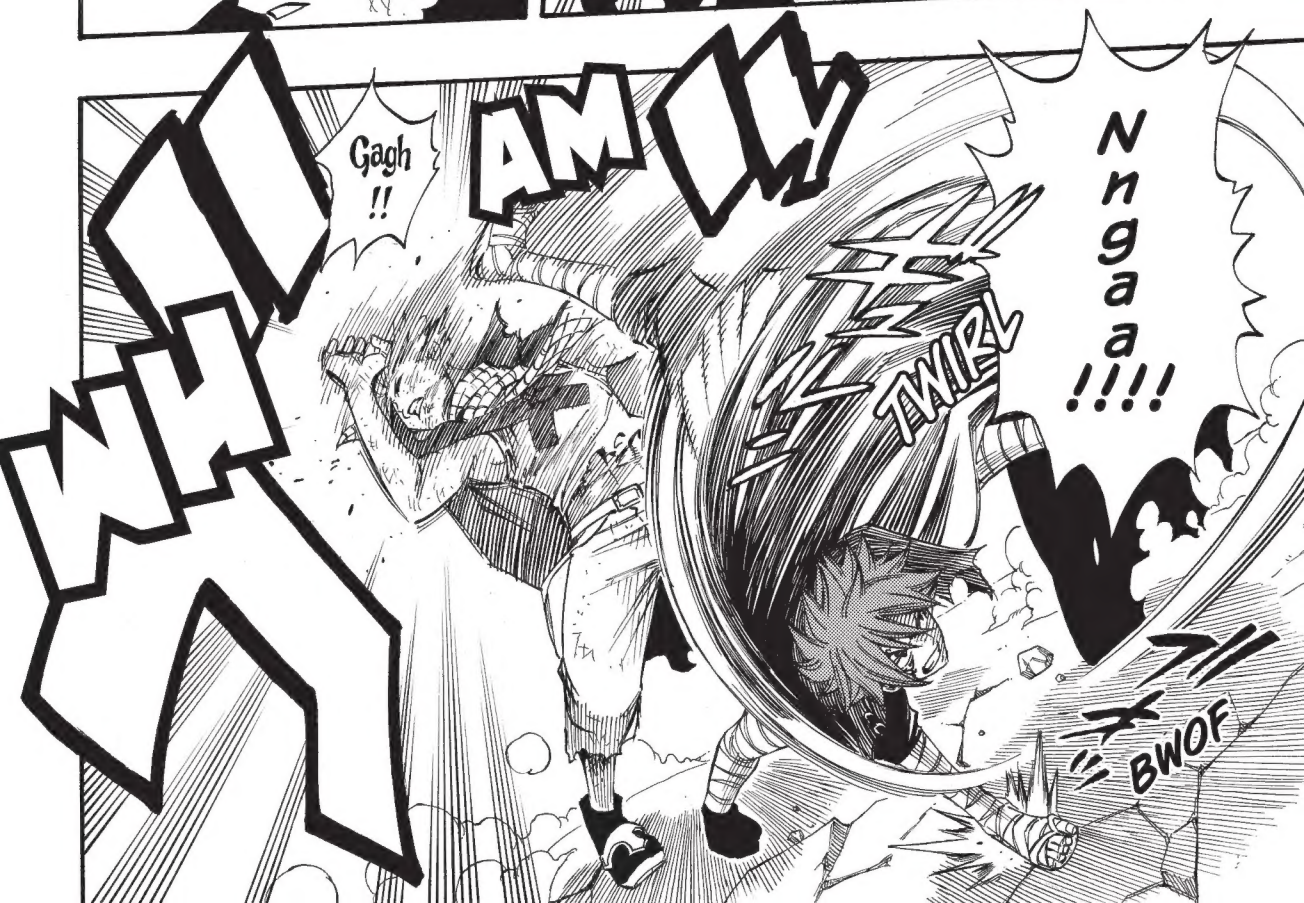
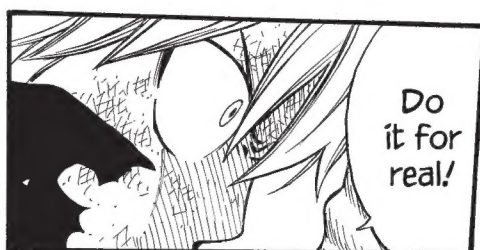




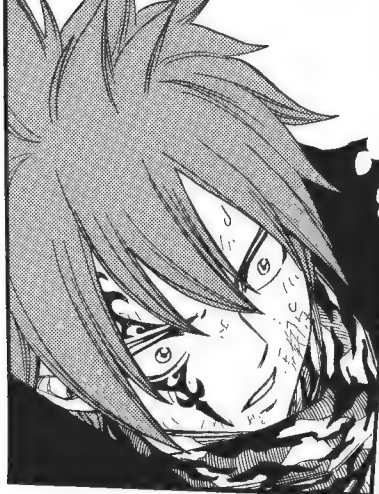
















What was two again?

Two...



You can't pass along any info that hurts Fairy Tail for your entire life!

One!



...you gotta live your life with all the strength you got all the time!

Even when you screw up...



Three!



One must never contact former Fairy Tail clients without permission in order to make a profit for oneself.

Yeah, that.



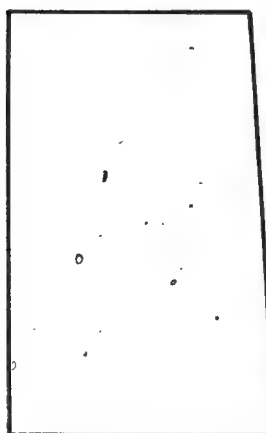
...the friends you love.



And you can't ever forget...

You can't go thinking of your life as something small or not worth it!

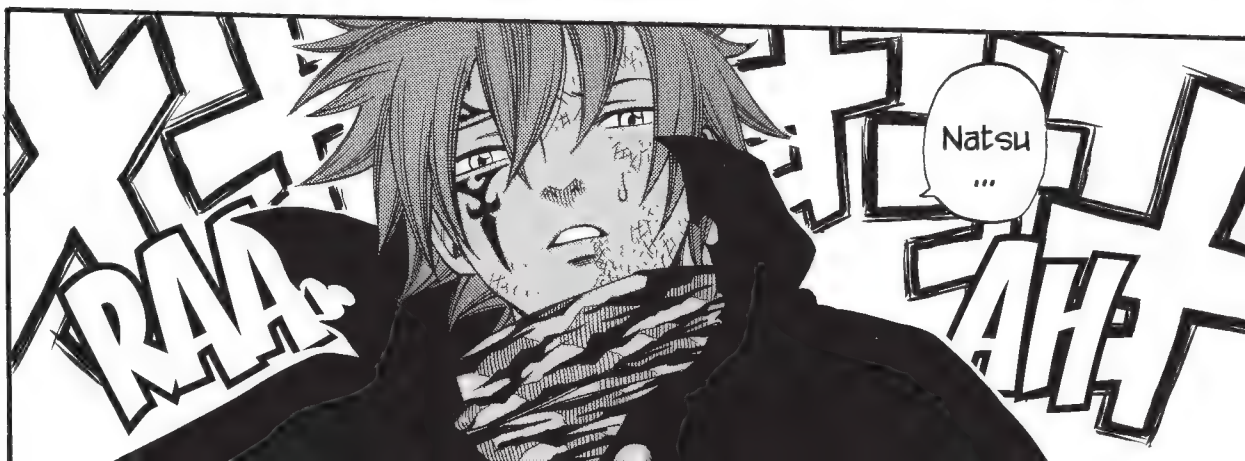








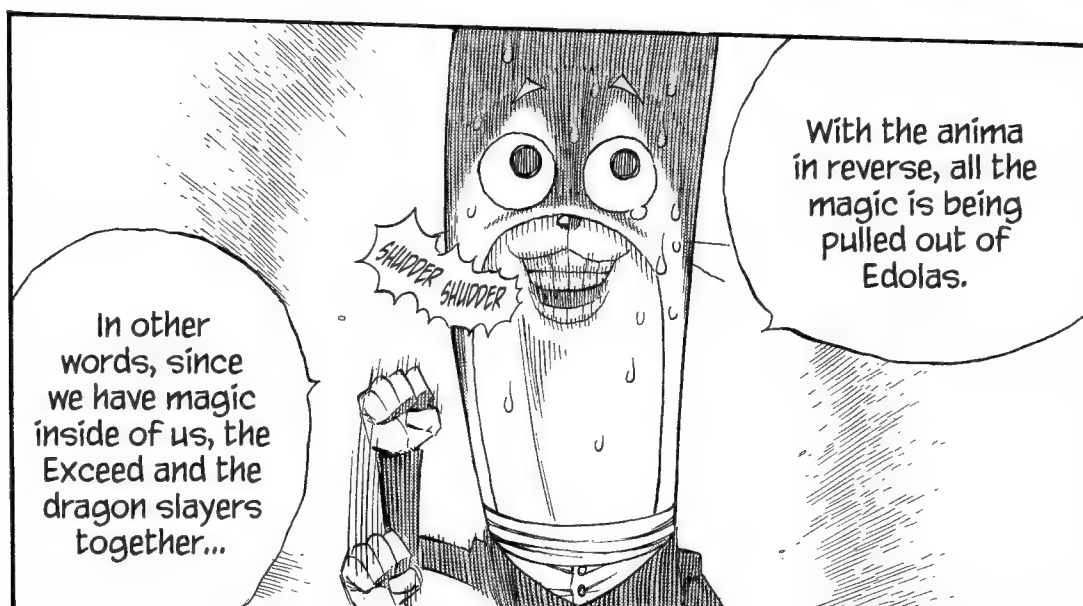
Mystogan!



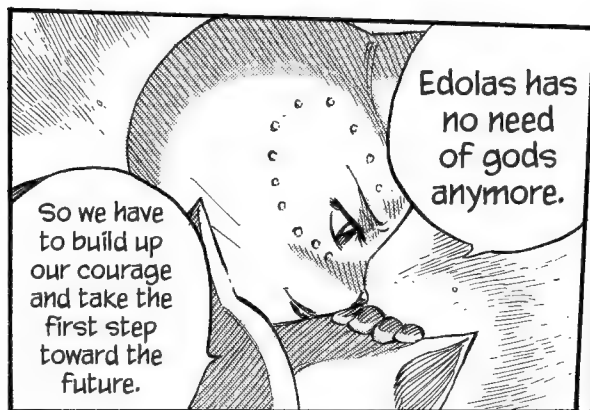
Natsu

...

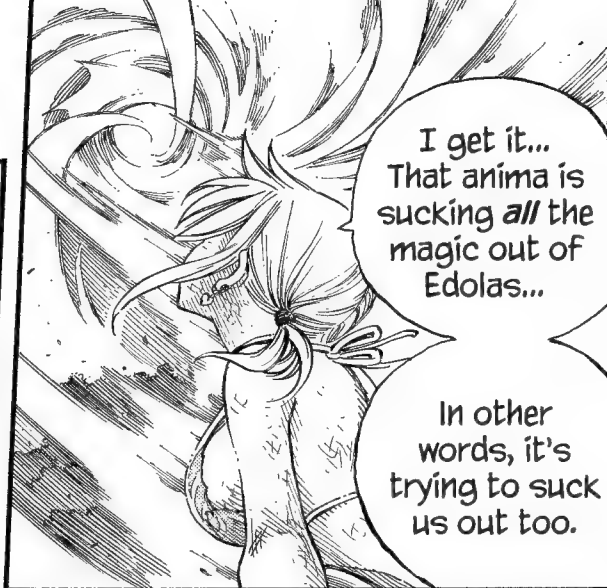




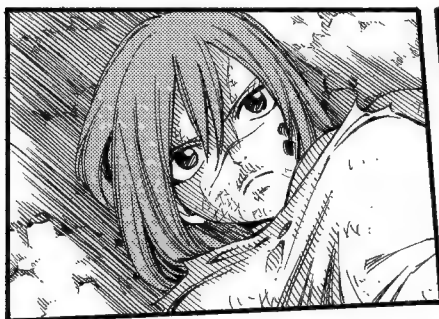
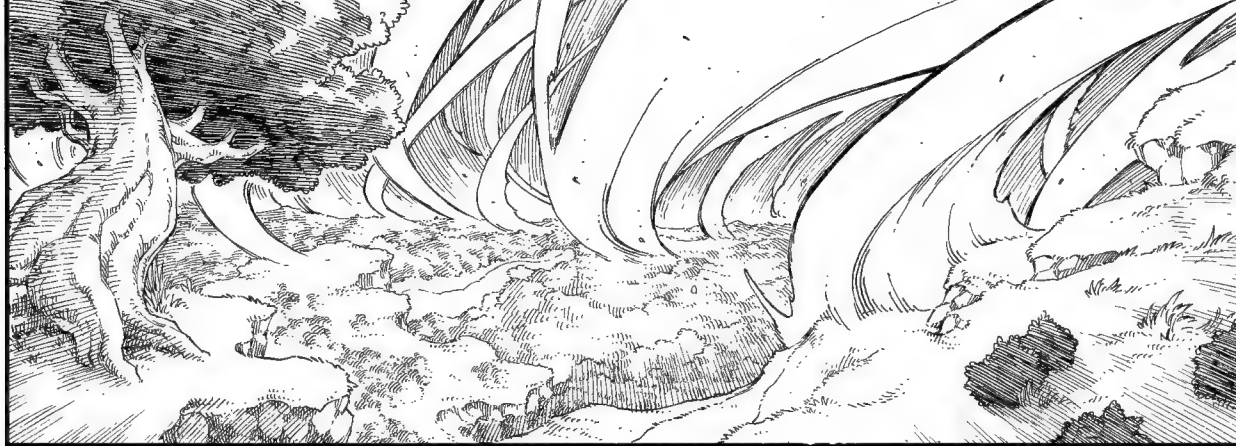




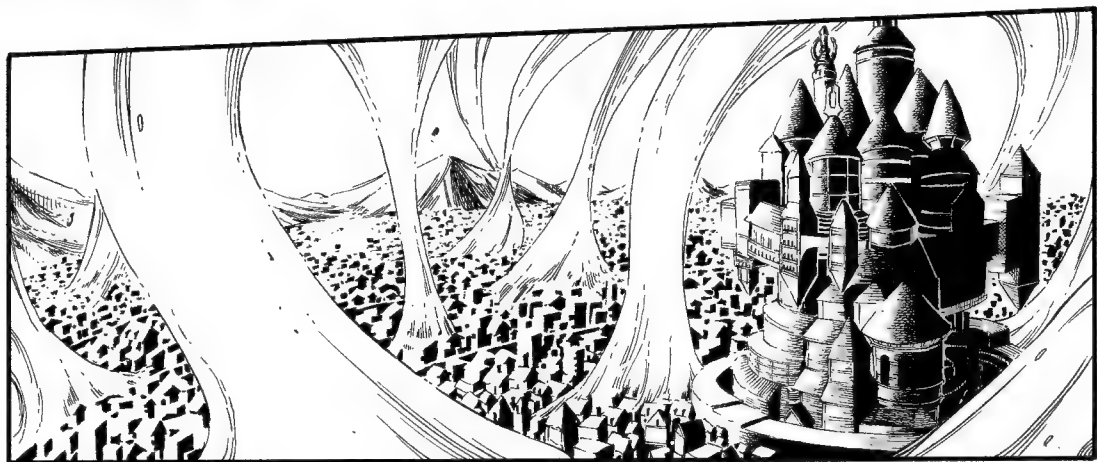
















Long live the Prince  
!!!!

Prince  
!!!!

The Prince  
saved us  
all!!!

The  
Demon  
King is  
being  
blown  
away!!!

ohhh!

It's pulling  
people up with  
it...? I didn't  
expect that!



There's no  
need to adapt  
to change  
too quickly.

You can  
take your  
time.



Your  
highness  
...



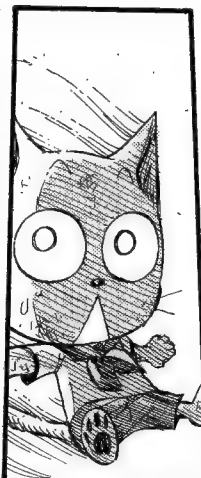
Yes...



Even at a  
walking pace,  
people can still  
take that first  
step forward...

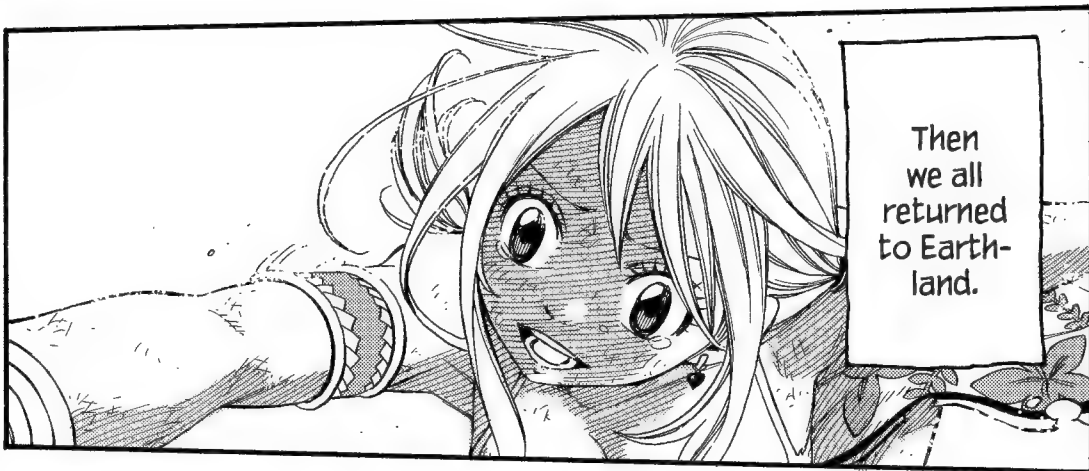
...as they  
tread down  
the road to  
their future.



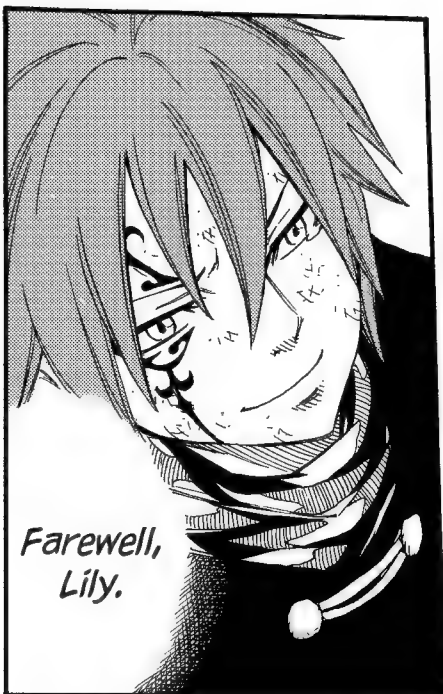




Pathetic.  
Now's no  
time to  
cry.



Then  
we all  
returned  
to Earth-  
land.



Farewell,  
Lily.

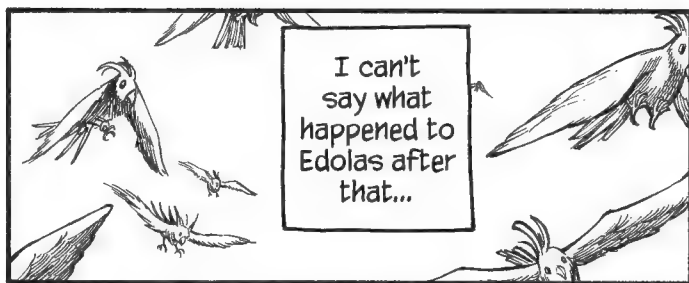


Farewell,  
Your  
Highness.



Farewell  
to Fairy  
Tail, my  
family.

And  
Natsu...  
Gajeel...  
Wendy...



I can't  
say what  
happened to  
Edolas after  
that...



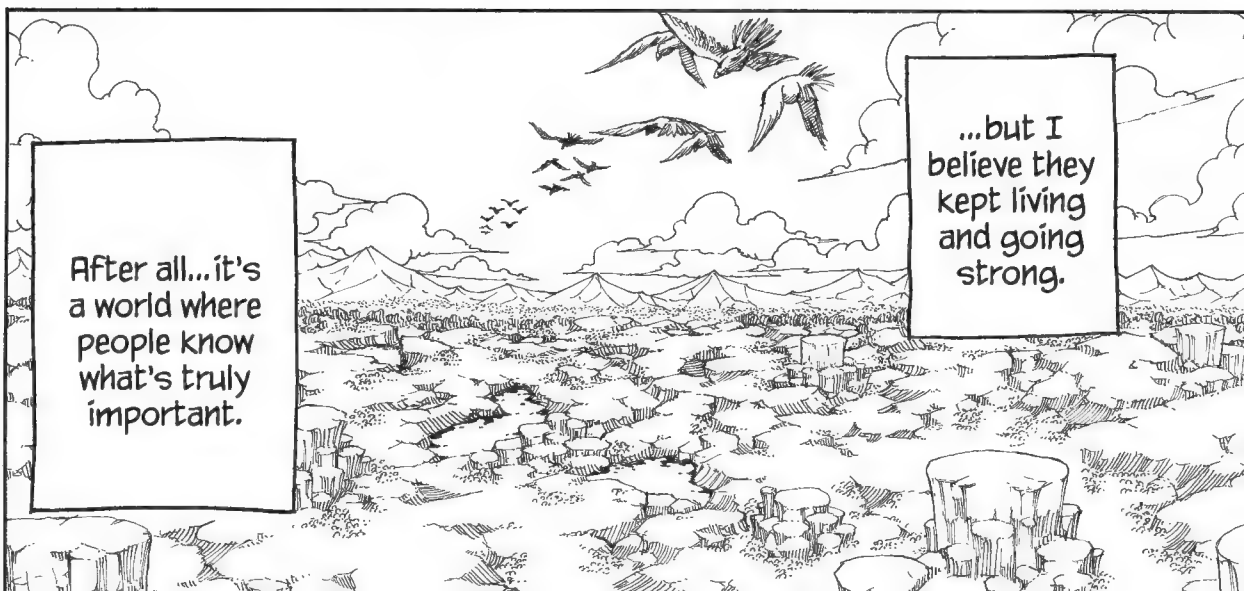
WHOOSH



**I have  
defeated the  
Demon God  
Dragneel  
without  
magic!!!!**

**Even  
without any  
magic...**

**... we  
humans  
can live  
on!!!!**



After all...it's  
a world where  
people know  
what's truly  
important.

...but I  
believe they  
kept living  
and going  
strong.

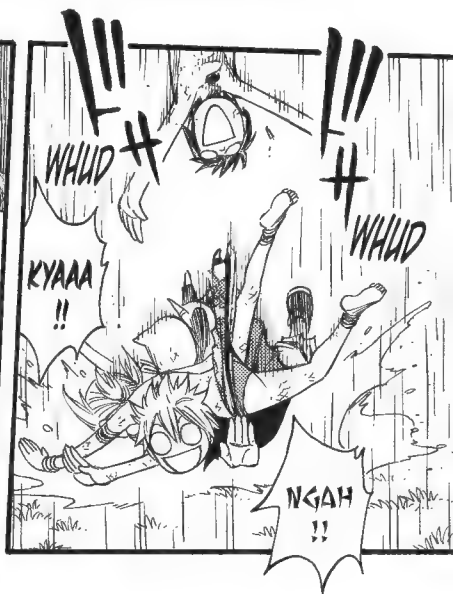
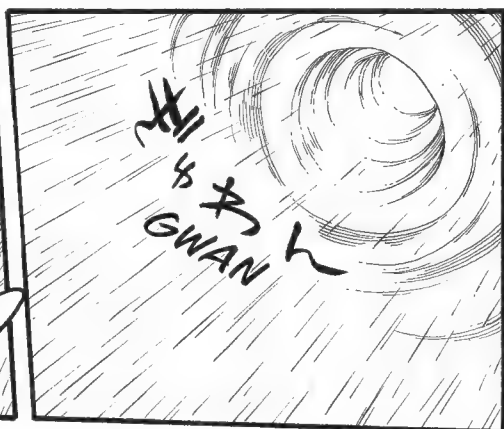
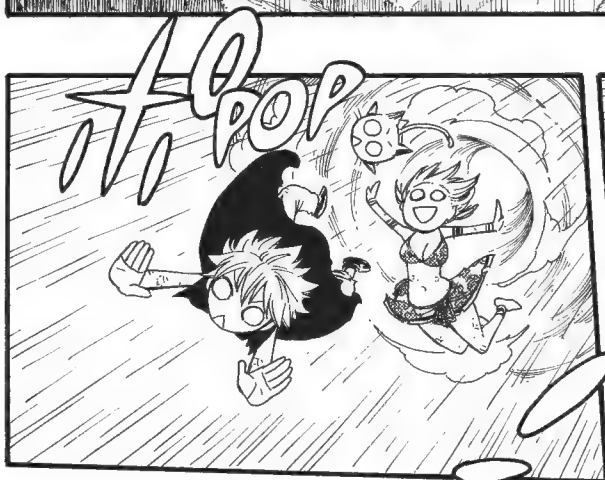


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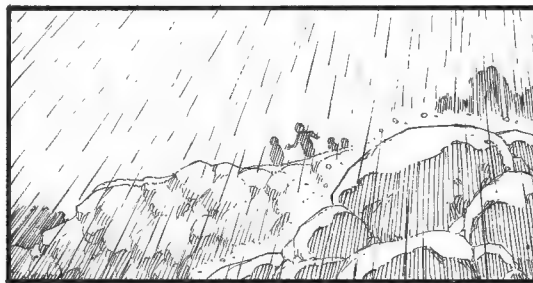
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## Chapter 198: The Wings to Tomorrow













KI-VSSH

These creatures are dangerous! We have to send them back to Edolas!

This is no laughing matter!



Extalia has been destroyed. Why don't you let them stay?

Now, now...

No!



HUSH



But we've got no place to go back to!

We apologize for throwing those rocks!

We're sorry!

We're going to change our ways!

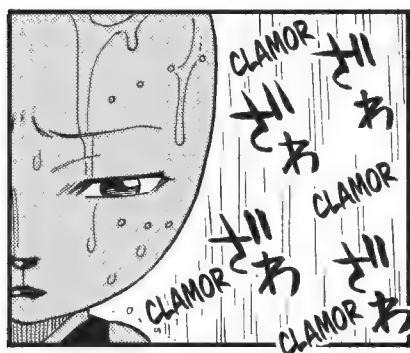
Please forgive us!





You people  
gave me  
an *order*  
to murder  
a dragon  
slayer and  
sent me to  
Earth-  
land!!!

I don't  
care  
about  
that!!!



Ah!  
Mister  
...

I won't let  
you forget  
about  
that!!

She's  
right!! The  
Queen went  
and stole  
our egg!!



We did mention  
that the Queen  
can see bits  
of the future,  
correct?



It happened  
six years  
ago.

I suppose  
we haven't  
explained  
that yet,  
have we?



...but at the time, we were convinced that the humans were the cause.

In hindsight, it was caused naturally by the extraction of all the magic from Edolas...



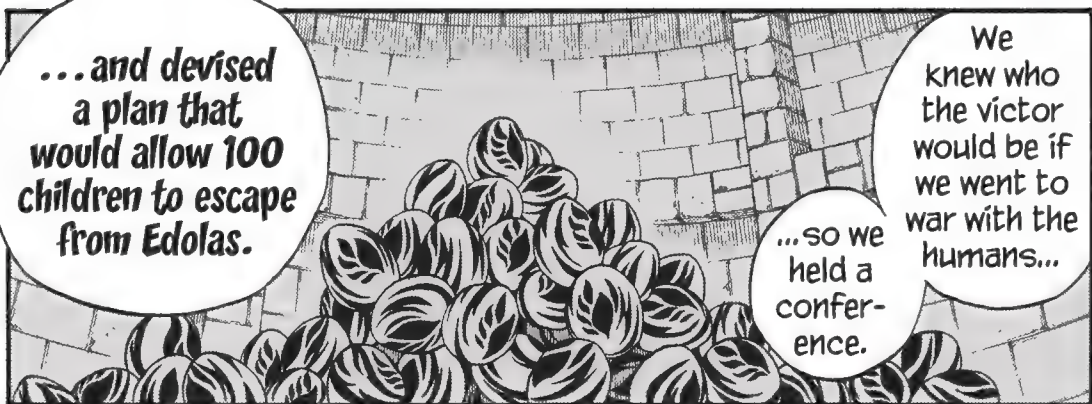
One day, Chagot foresaw that Extalia would crash to the ground.



...and devised a plan that would allow 100 children to escape from Edolas.

...so we held a conference.

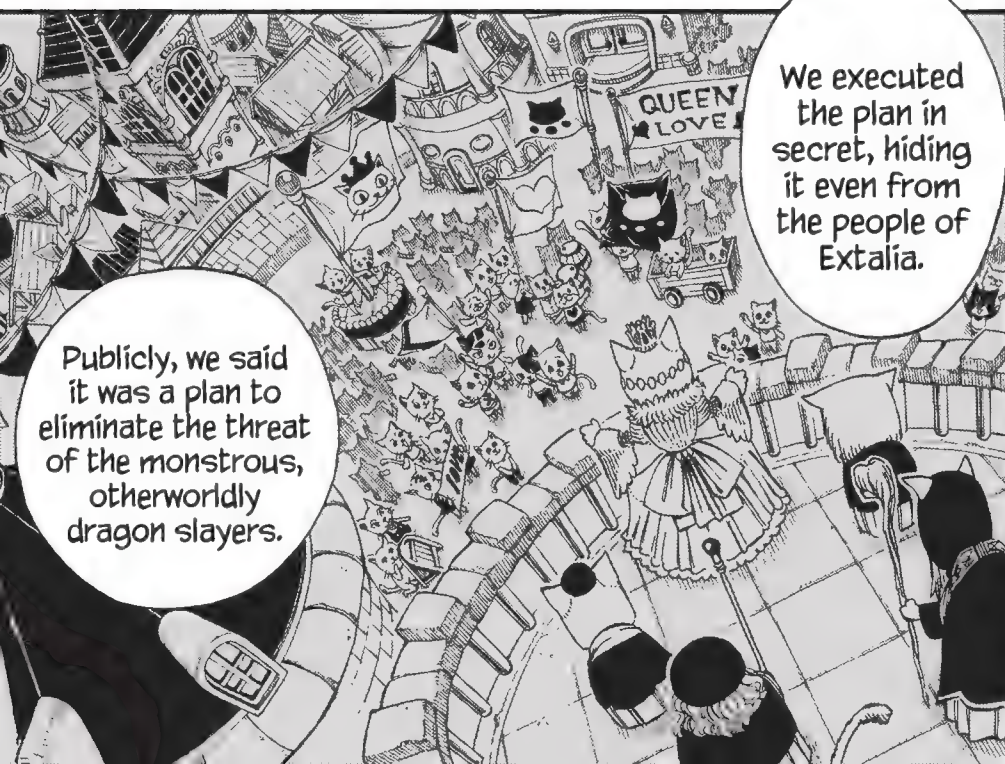
We knew who the victor would be if we went to war with the humans...



Publicly, we said it was a plan to eliminate the threat of the monstrous, otherworldly dragon slayers.

We executed the plan in secret, hiding it even from the people of Extalia.

Did you say *escape* ?!!





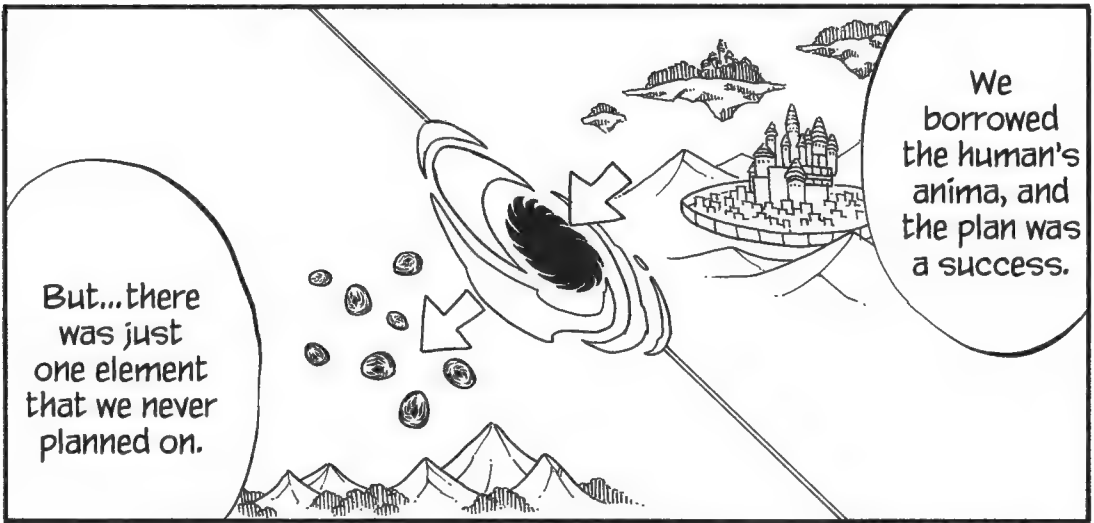
And if the real reason got out, it would probably have caused a panic.



I see. You're saying that the excuse was necessary, right?

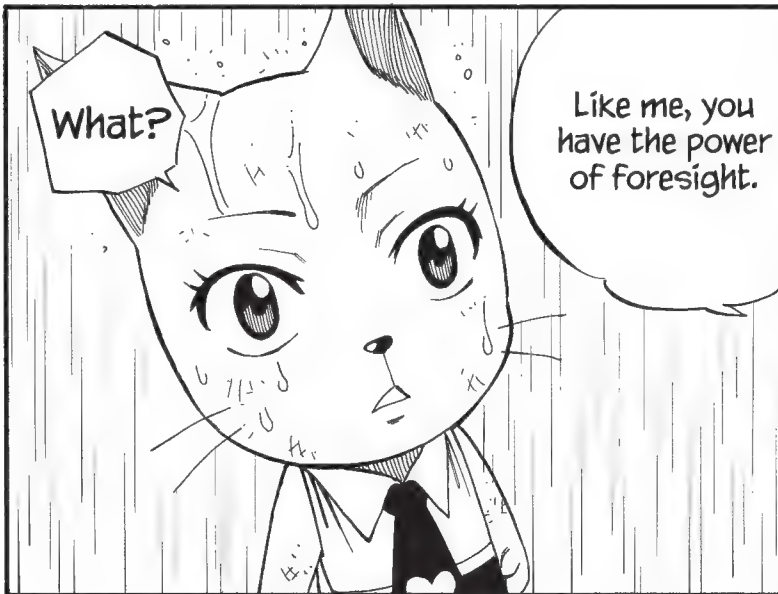


Of course we had no quarrel with the dragon slayers.



But...there was just one element that we never planned on.

We borrowed the human's anima, and the plan was a success.



What?

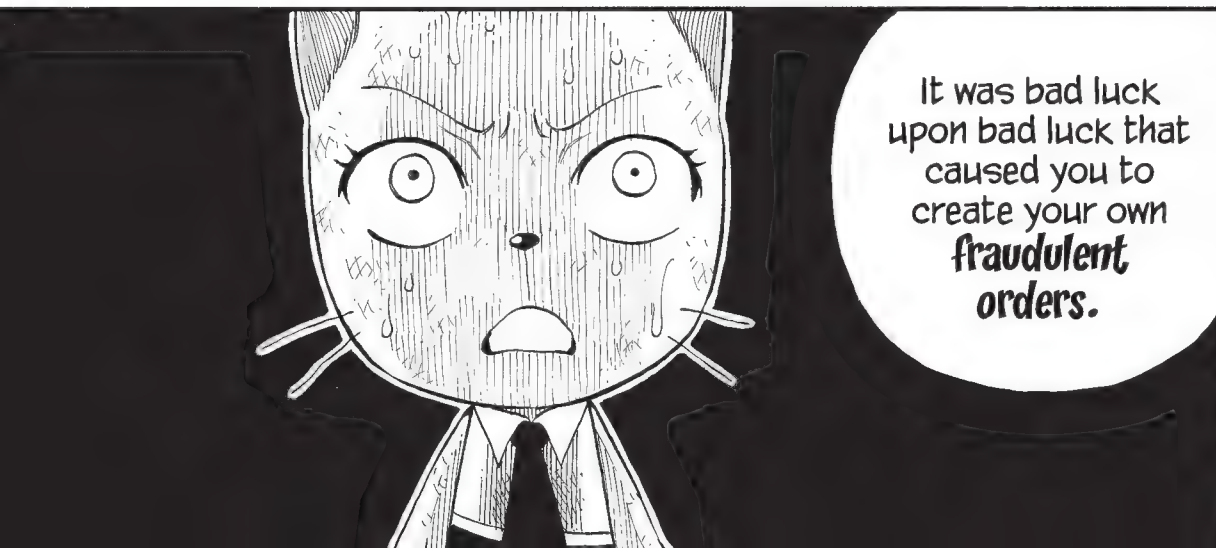
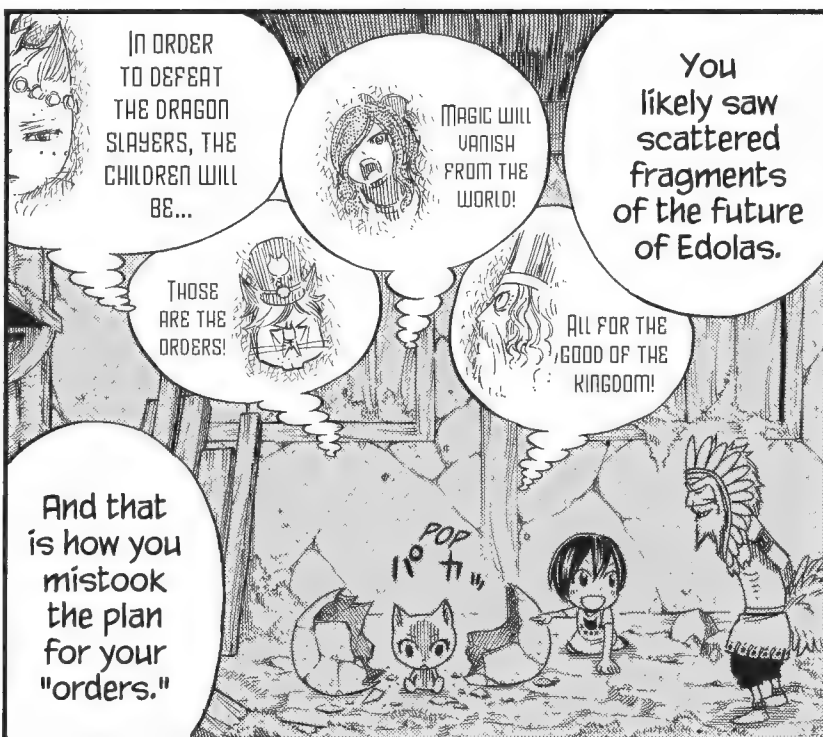
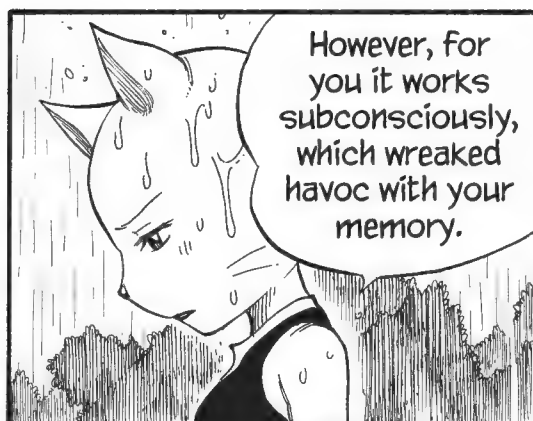
Like me, you have the power of foresight.

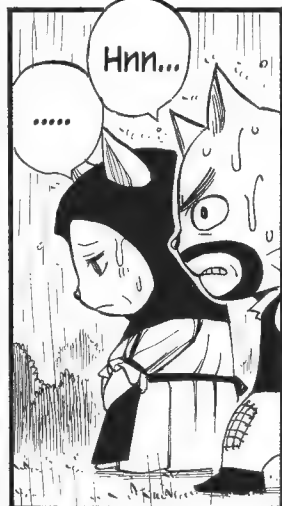
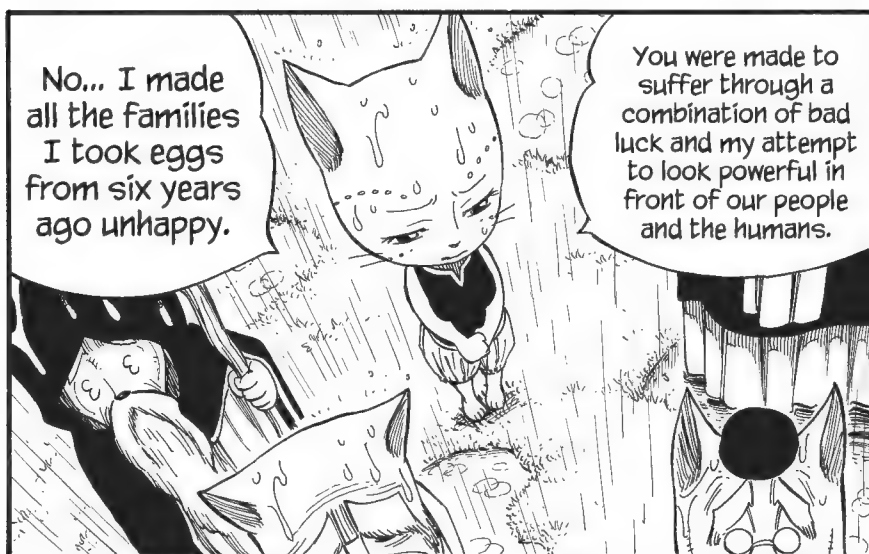


?!

That was your ability, Carla.











We did a lot  
to delude  
ourselves  
too!

And now that  
we've finally made  
it to Earth-land,  
let's go find those  
children who came  
here six years  
ago!

That isn't  
true, Your  
Majesty!!

Everything  
you did as  
Queen, you  
did for us!



Ha ha!

They're sure  
forward-  
looking,  
huh?



It's a new  
beginning!

And let's  
try to make  
*friends* with  
the humans in  
the process  
this time!

Hey!!! I  
think we  
just got  
ourselves a  
new goal!!!



All  
right.

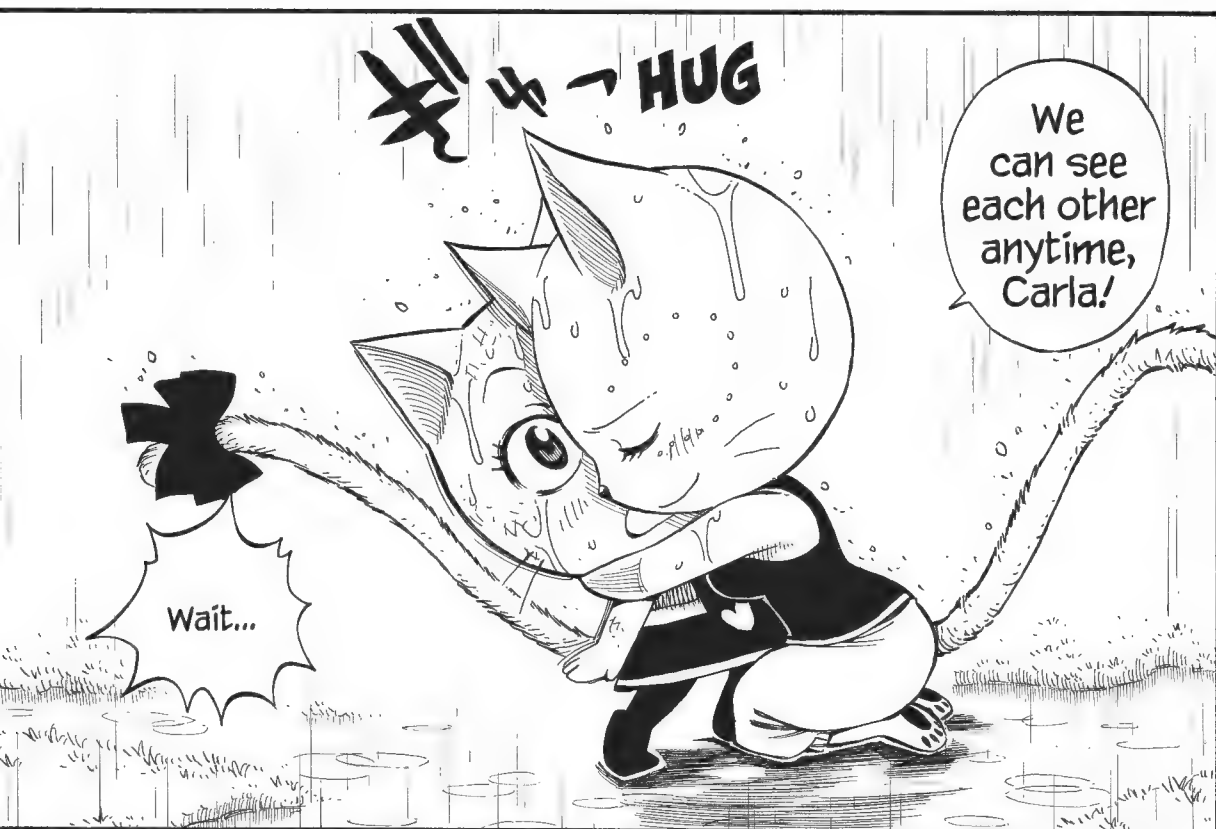
I'll  
accept  
it.

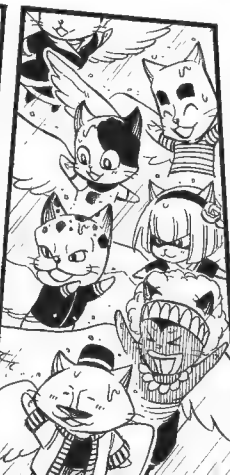
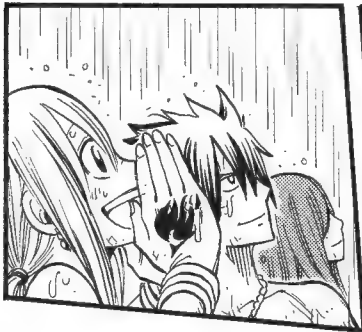
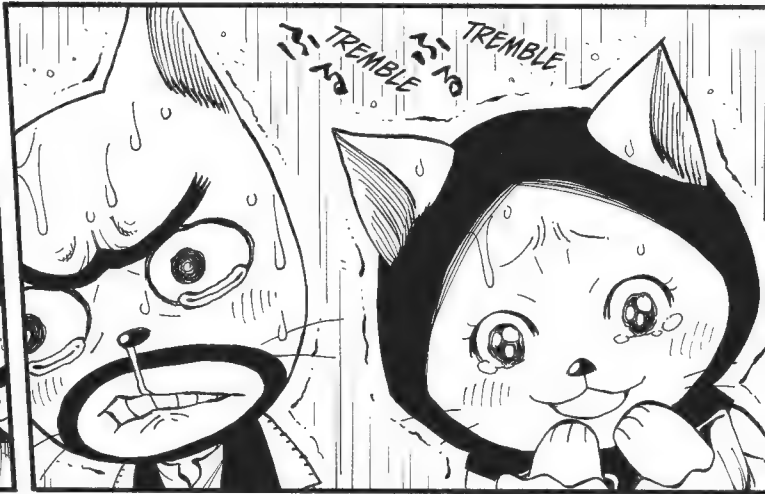


My  
people...

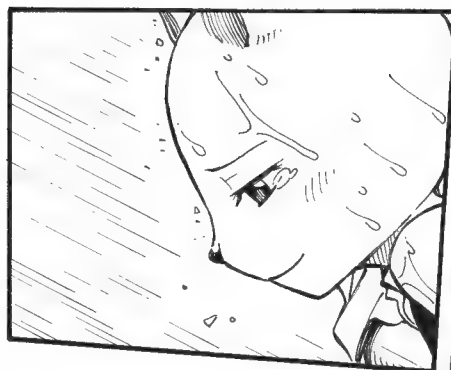
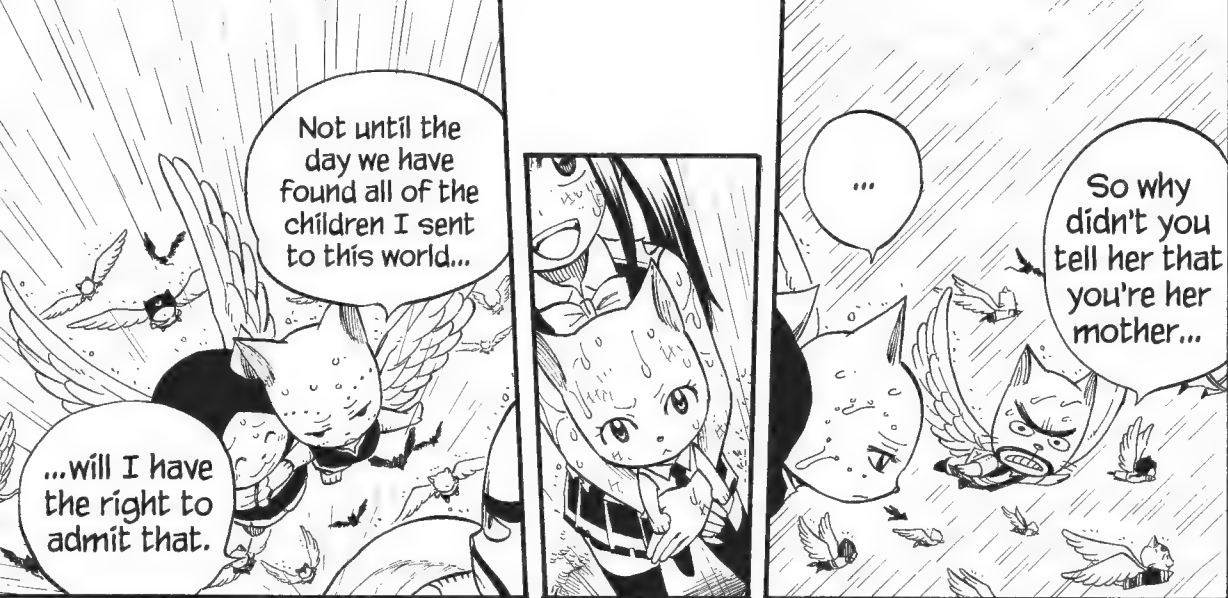


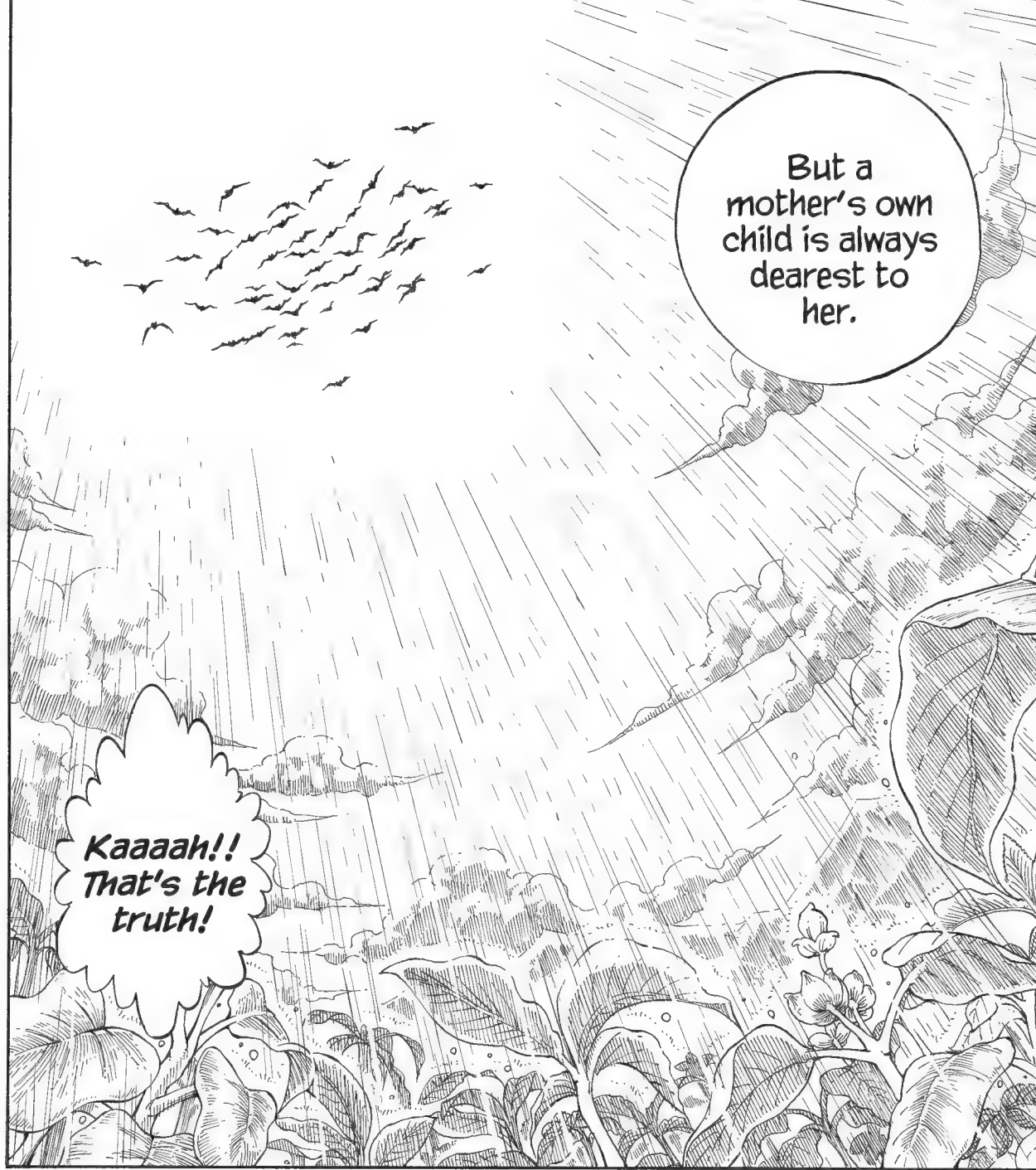






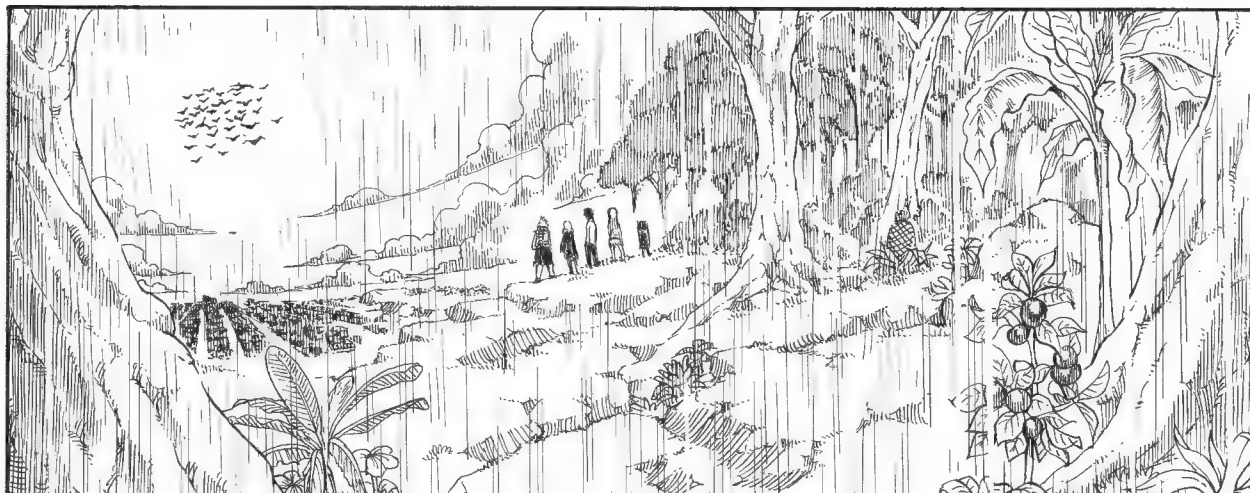




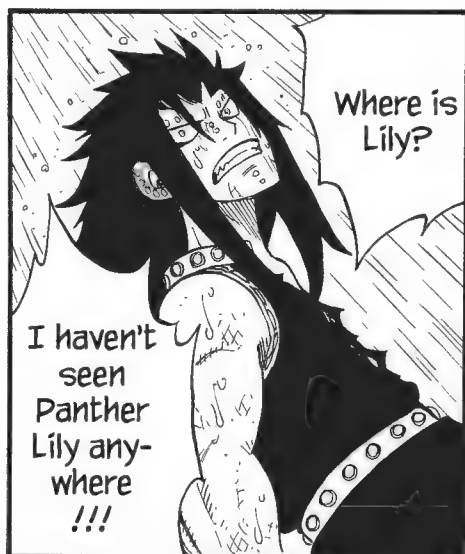


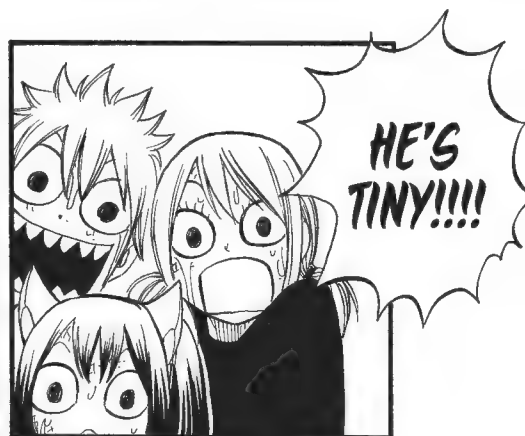
But a  
mother's own  
child is always  
dearest to  
her.

**Kaaaah!!  
That's the  
truth!**

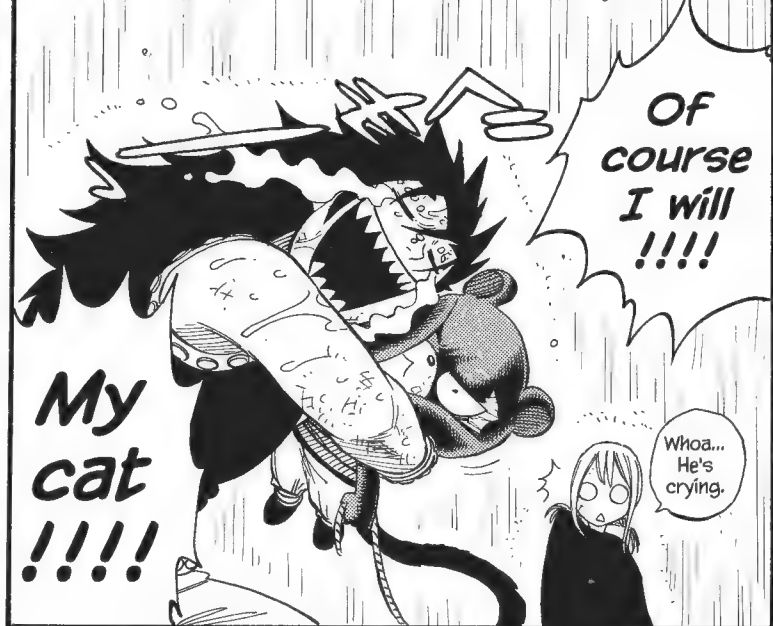


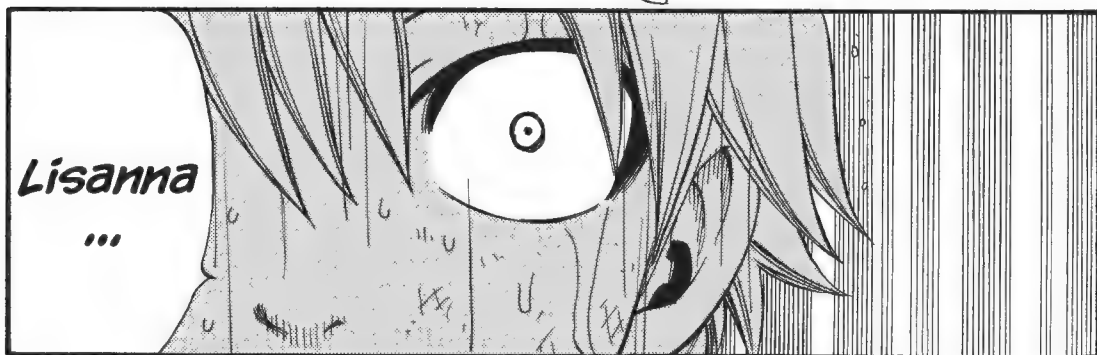














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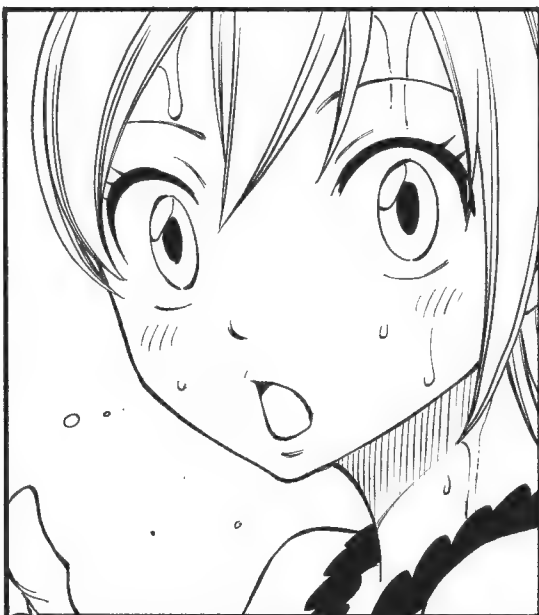
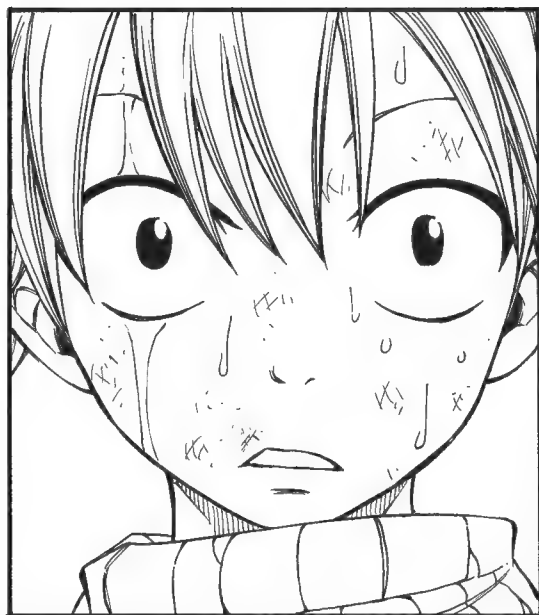
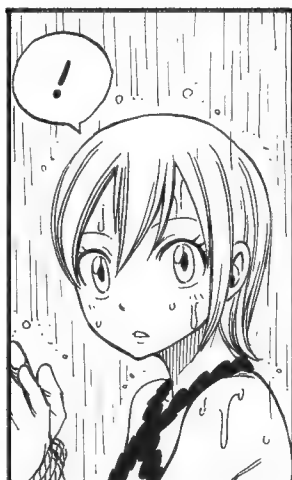
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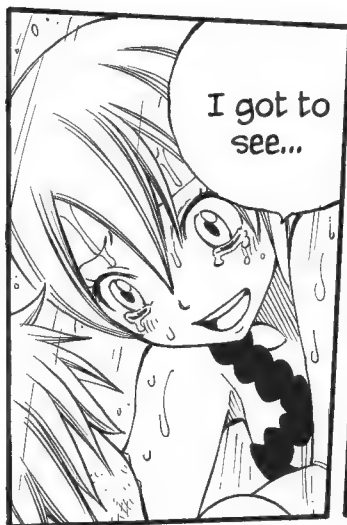
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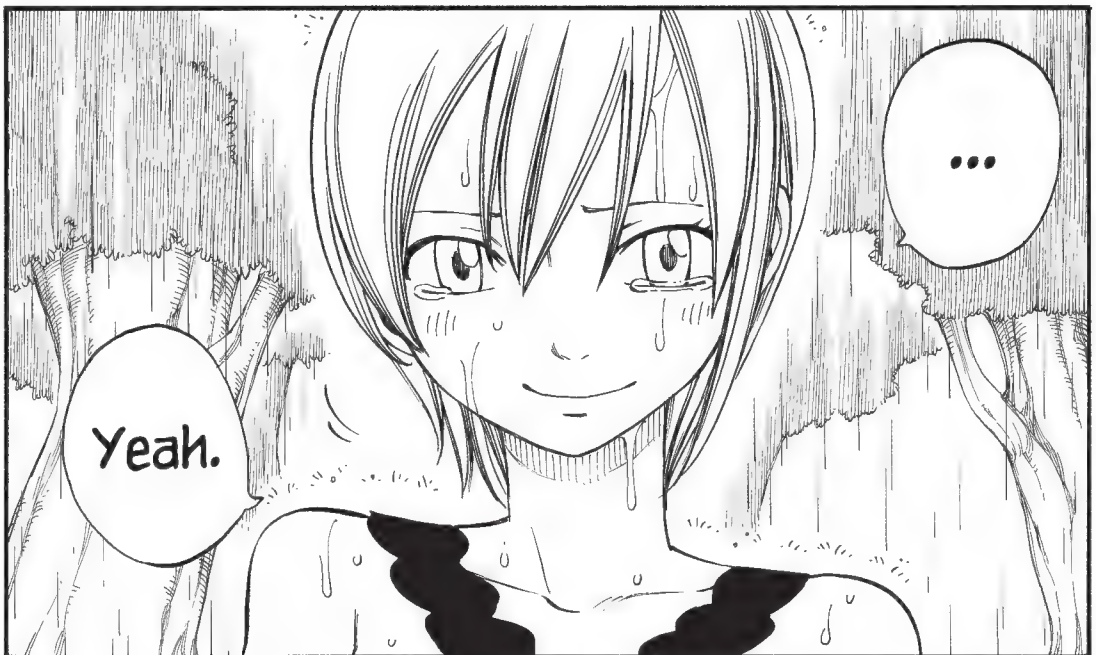
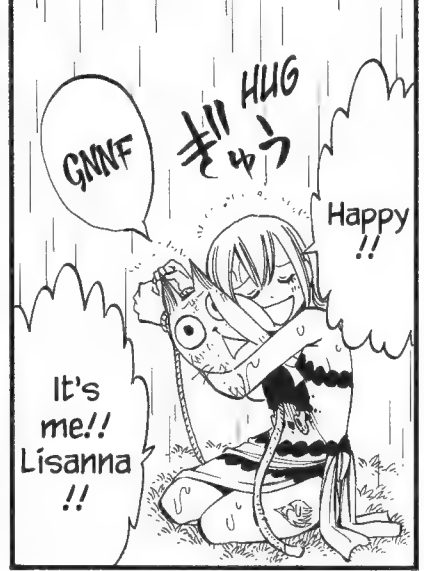


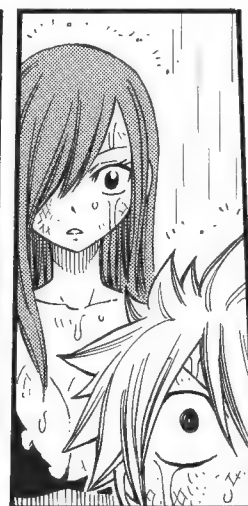
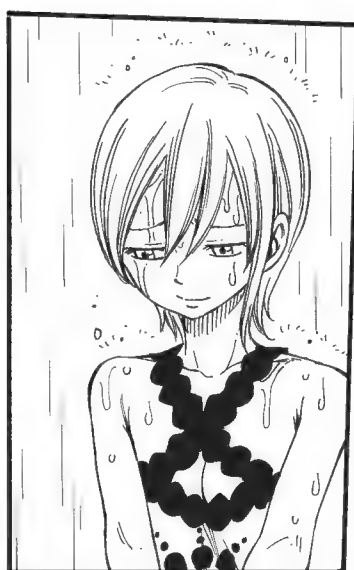












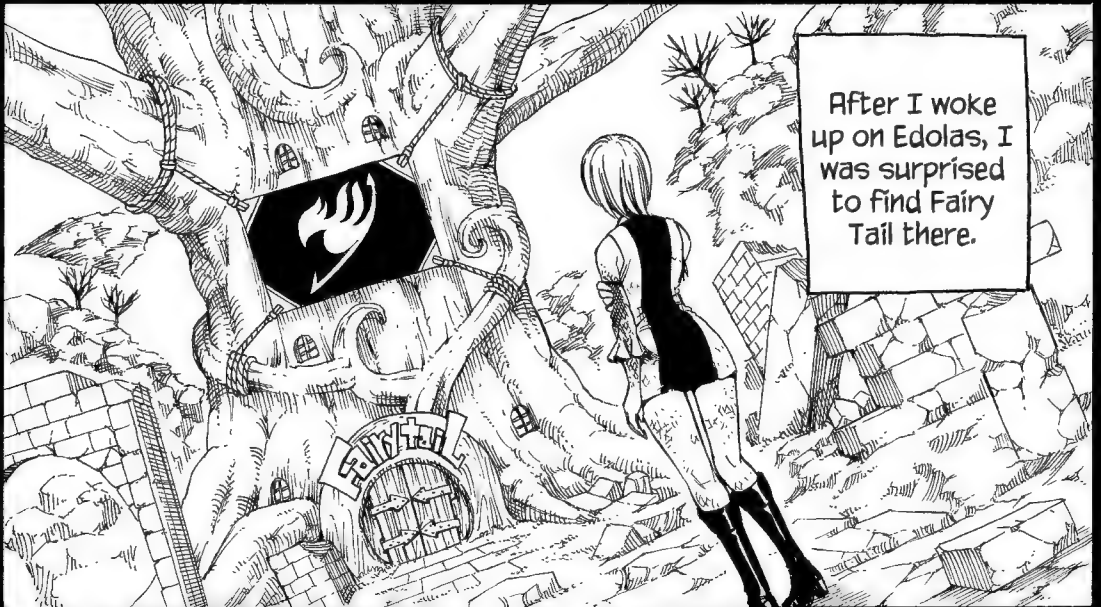




Back then  
there were a  
lot of small  
anima all  
over Earth-  
land.



I can only  
guess that I  
was sucked  
through the  
anima.



After I woke  
up on Edolas, I  
was surprised  
to find Fairy  
Tail there.



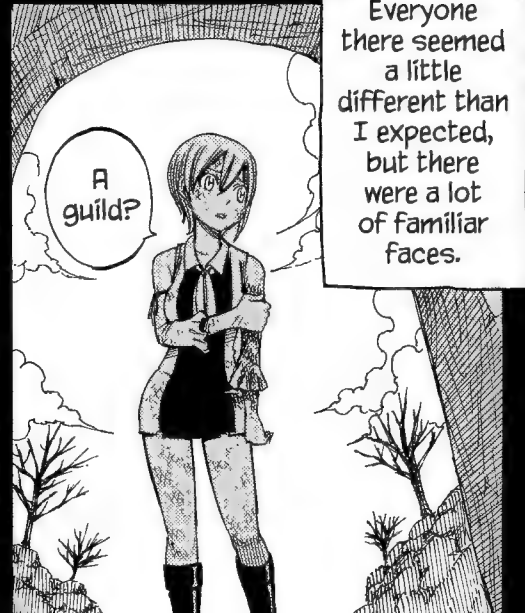
Lisanna  
has come  
back!

Ohh!

Lis-  
anna!

Everyone  
there  
mistook  
me for  
the Edolas  
Lisanna.

My guess  
is the  
Lisanna of  
Edolas...

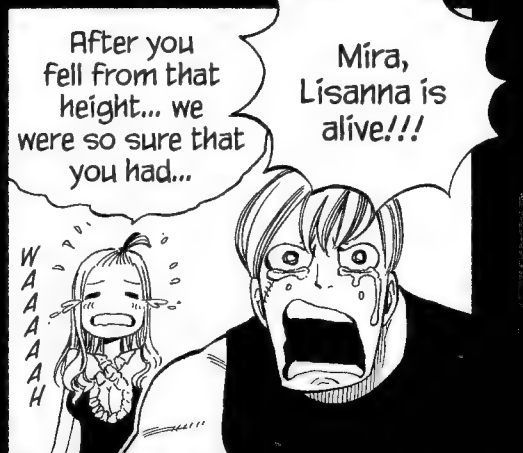


A  
guild?

Everyone  
there seemed  
a little  
different than  
I expected,  
but there  
were a lot  
of familiar  
faces.



I just got that impression from the mood of the guild.



So I pretended to be the Edolas Lisanna.

I'm home.





And two years later...



I hid my magic...

...and got used to life on Edolas.

At first I was really dis-oriented ...

...but I tried to fit in.



...Earth-land Natsu and Happy appeared.

Lisanna  
!!!!

...six days ago...



WHOOSH

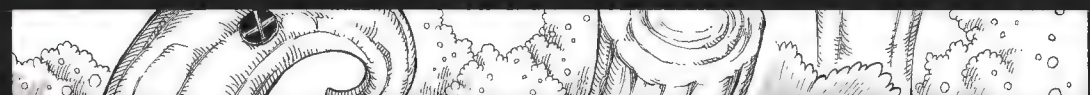
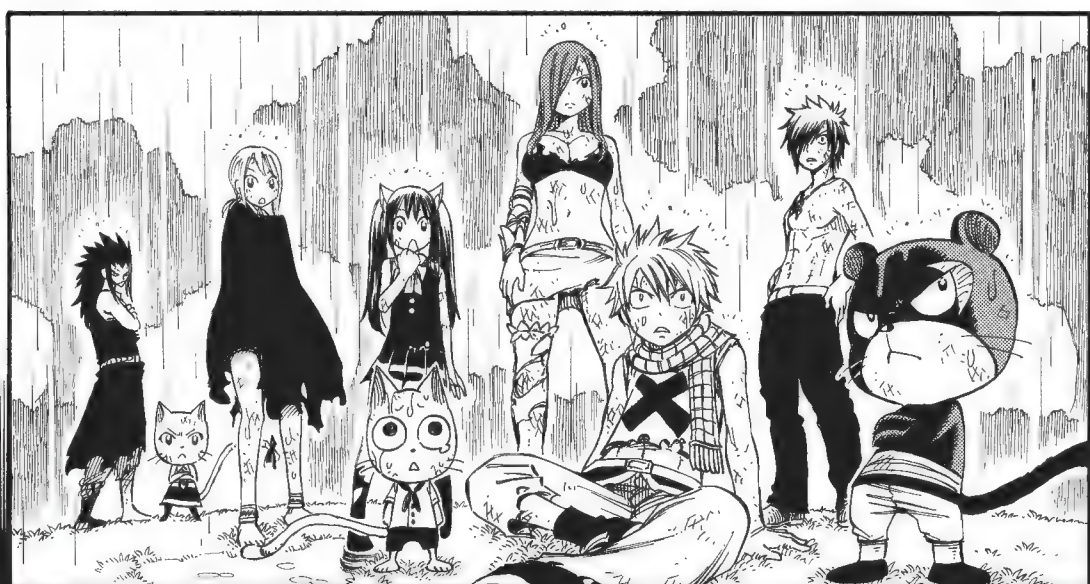


So why didn't you tell us the truth back then ?!!!



Natsu...?!  
Is this the Natsu I know?

And is that Happy?



And  
in your  
world,  
Erza's an  
*ally*?

So there's a  
Fairy Tail in  
that world  
too...

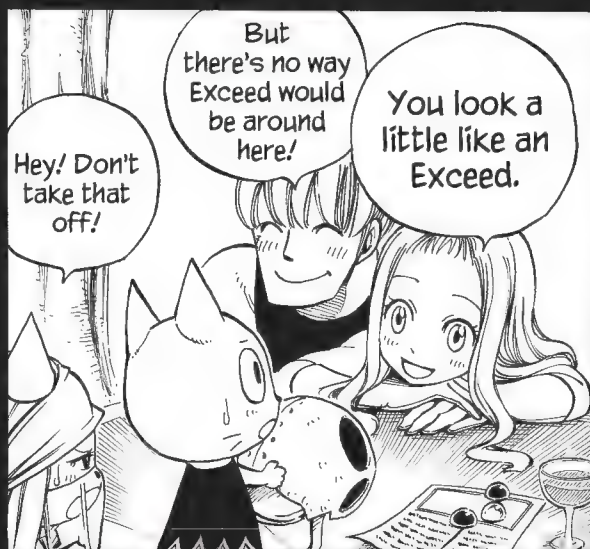
That'll do  
as a rough  
summation.

Aye.

So you're  
saying what?  
That you're  
from another  
world called  
*Earth-*  
*land*?

And you've  
come to *this*  
*world* to try  
to rescue your  
friends?









I can't  
let anyone  
know...

SHIVER  
SHIVER

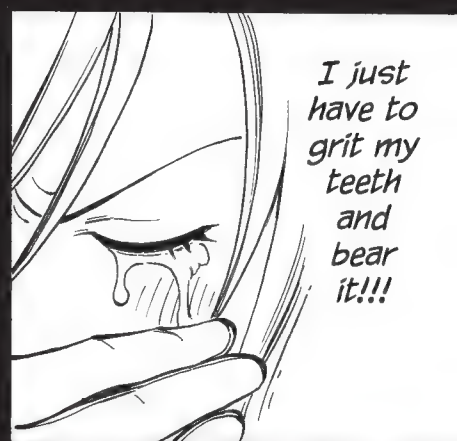
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SHIVER  
SHIVER

I don't want  
to make Mira  
and Elf sad  
like that ever  
again!



And  
keep on  
living  
here on  
Edolas...



I just  
have to  
grit my  
teeth  
and  
bear  
it!!!

...when all  
the magic  
on Edolas  
was sucked  
up through  
the anima...

And  
every-  
body  
from the  
other  
Fairy  
Tail!!!!

Bye-  
bye,  
Edo-  
Lucy  
!!!!

But  
then...



It's all  
right... We  
already  
knew.





Sorry.

We knew, but we couldn't put it into words.



Eh?



Go back to your own world, Lisanna.



Mira ...

Elf...



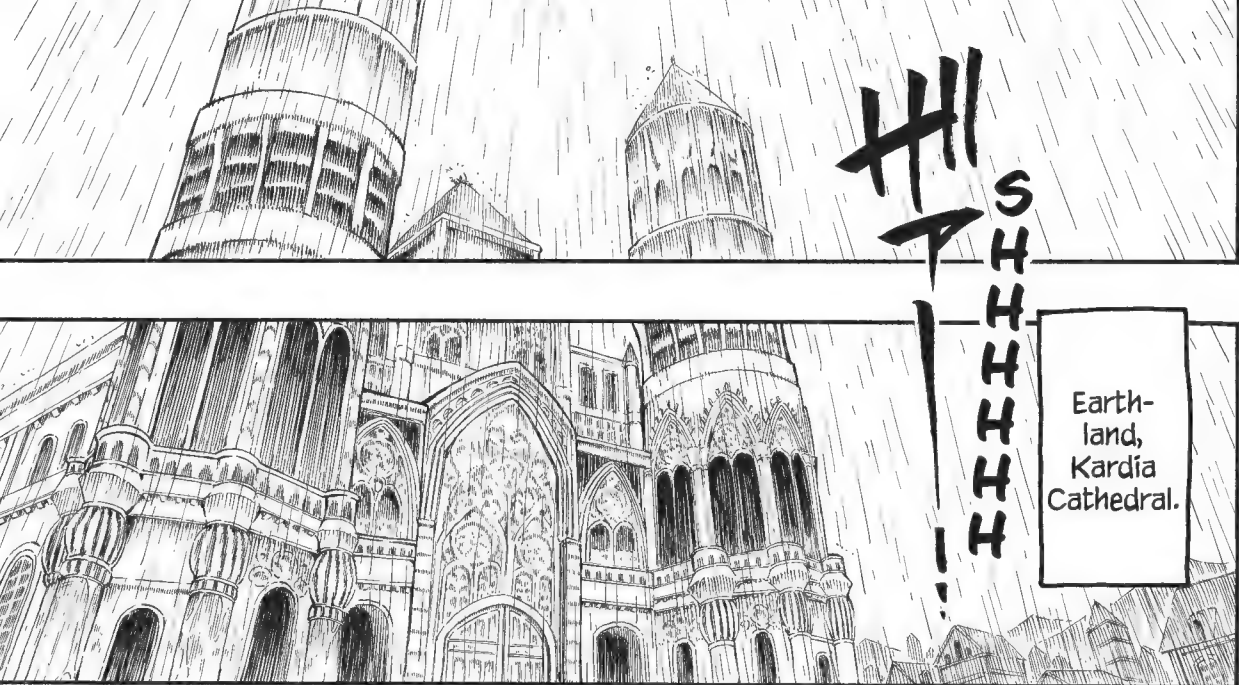
You're a really gentle girl, just like our late sister.

So you can't make your real brother and sister suffer any more.



**Mira !!!!**

And give the "us" in Earth-land our best, okay?



SHHHHHH!

Earth-land,  
Kardia  
Cathedral.



SHHHHHHHH

Mirajane,  
think we  
should head  
back?

Just  
a bit  
longer...



Elfman  
!!!

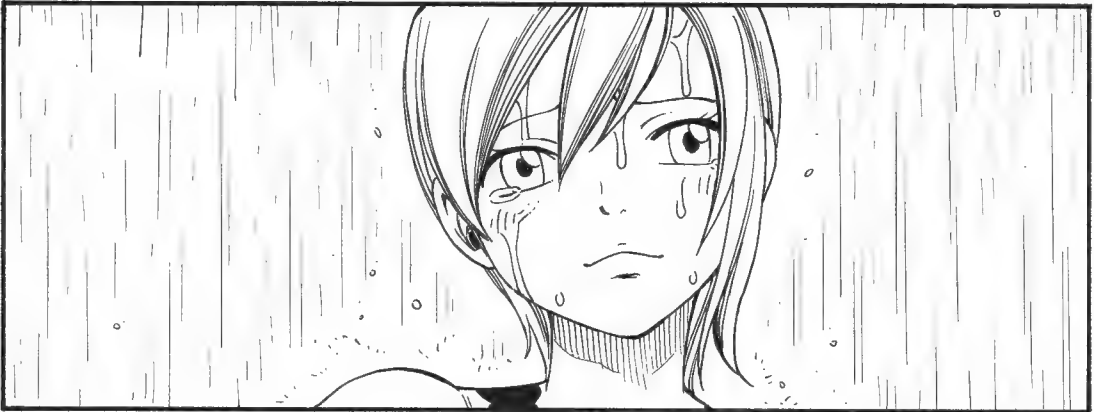
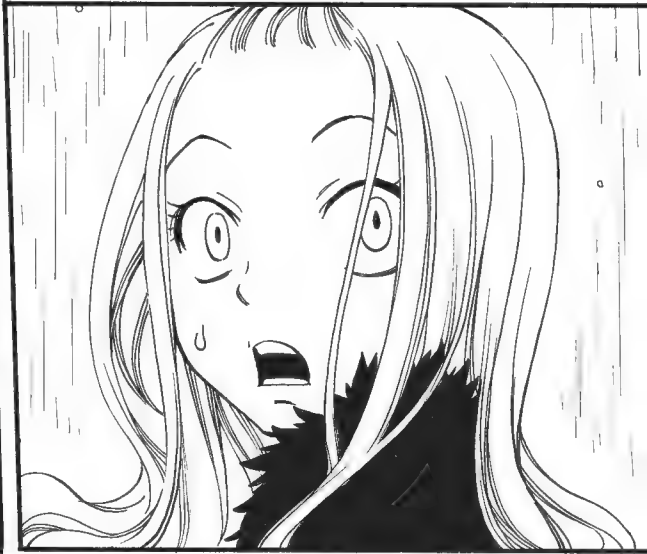
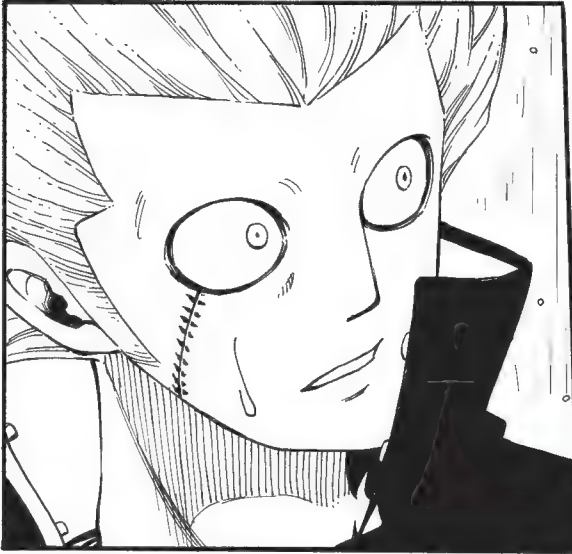


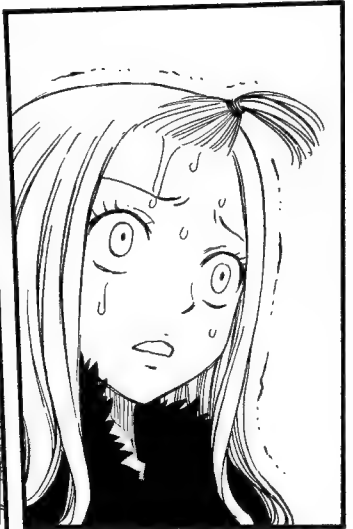
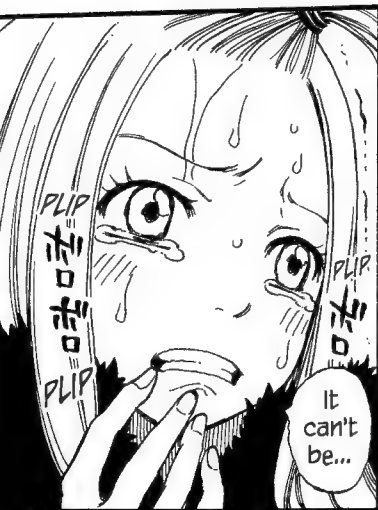
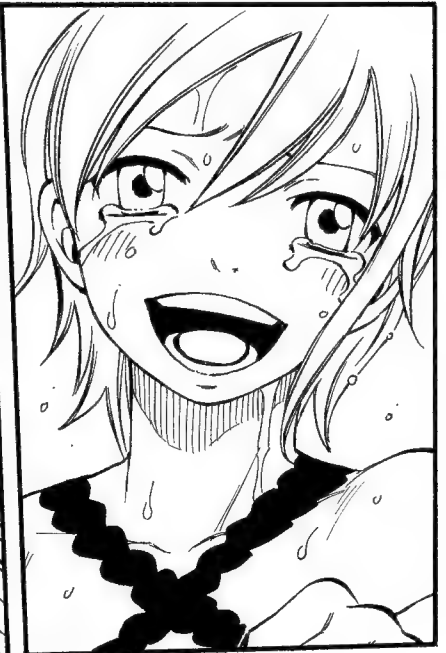
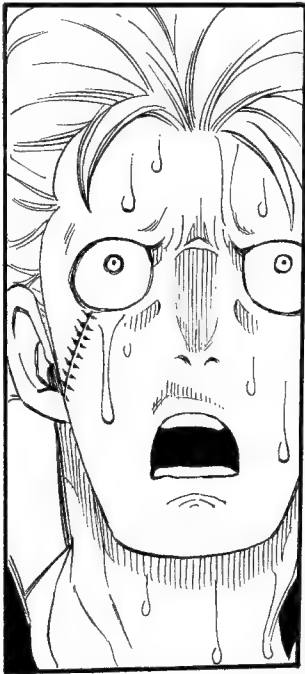
Mira  
!!!

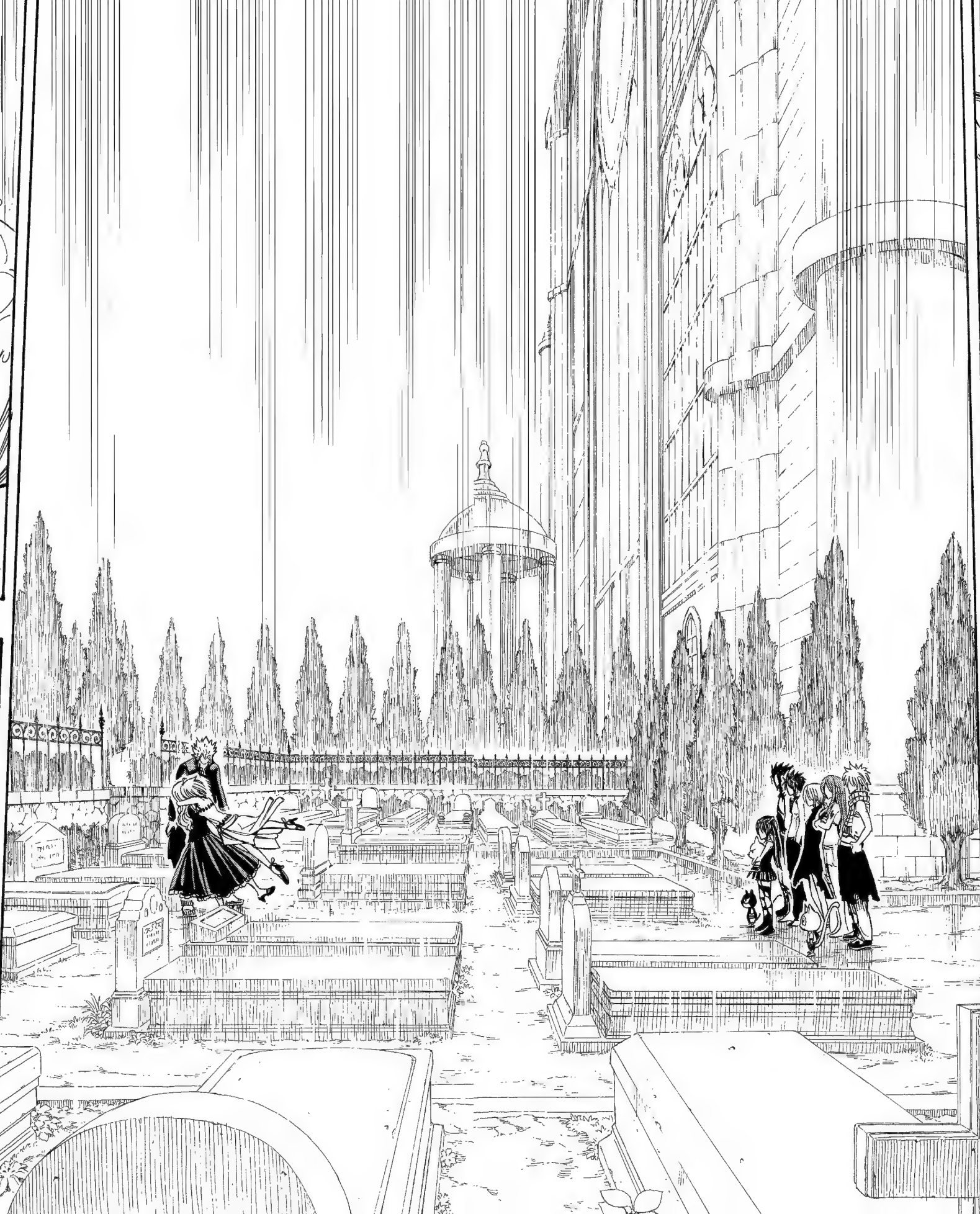
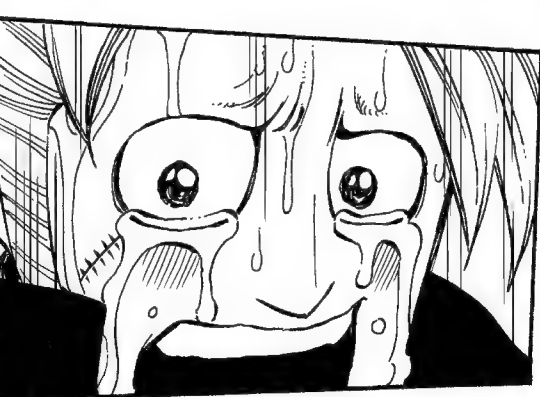


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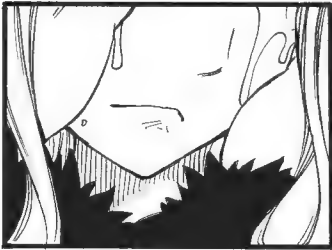


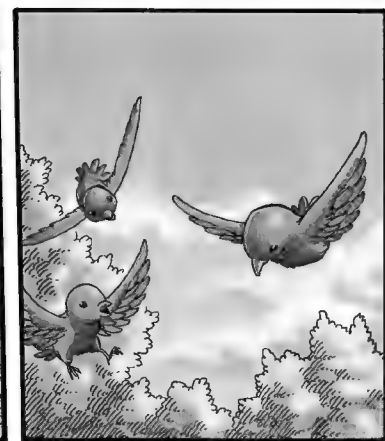
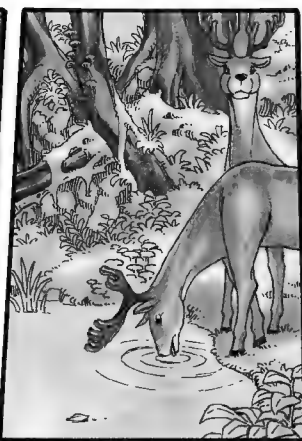
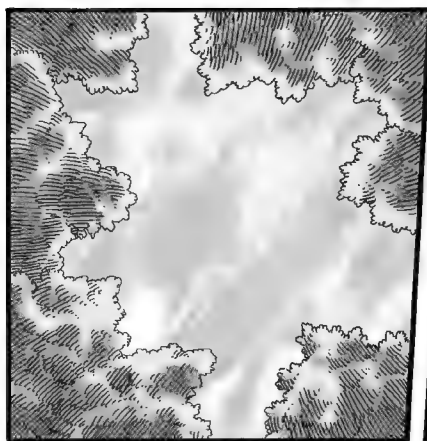
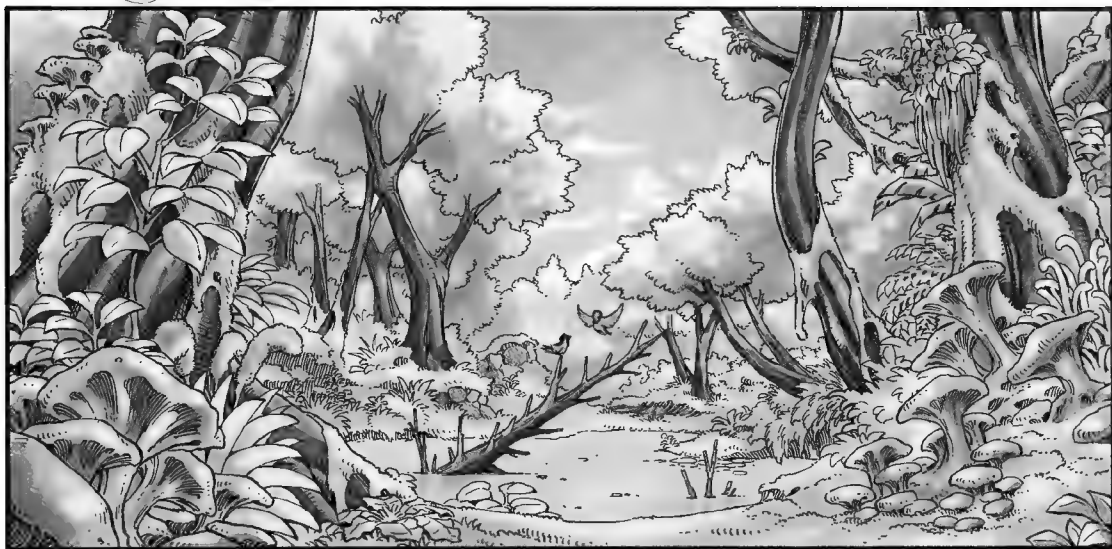














## Chapter 200: He Who Snuffs Out Life







**FAIRY TAIL**  
フェアリーテイル



And you seem different too, Mira.

The guild seems kind of different.

Think so?

CLAMOR  
CLAMOR  
CLAMOR



No jobs today!!!  
We're going eat, drink and party!!!

But Fairy Tail is Fairy Tail!

Welcome back, Lisanna!!

Lisanna is back!!!

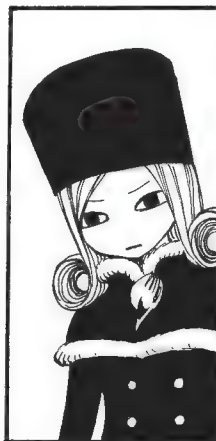
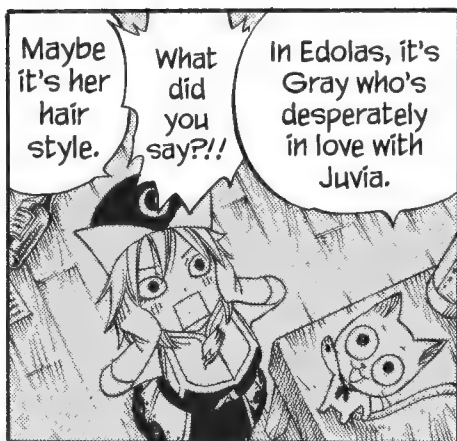
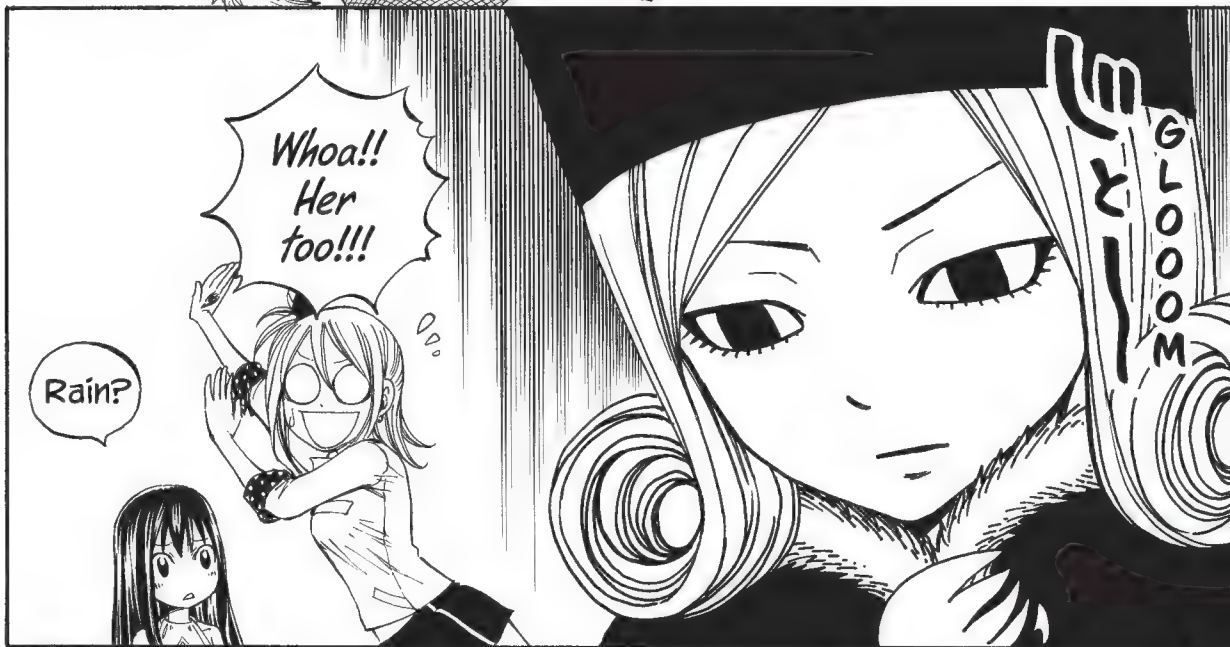
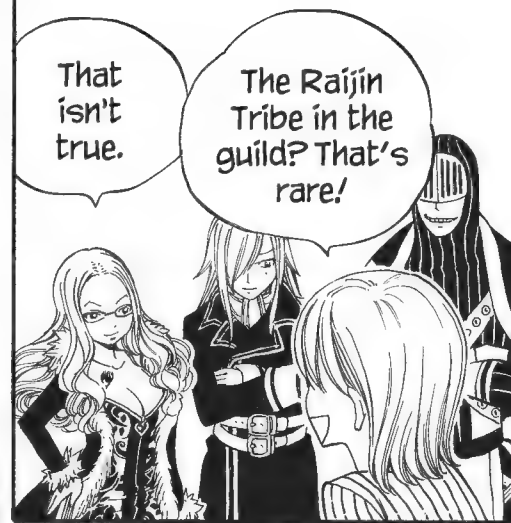
Don't you guys dare get close to her looking dirty like that!



We're truly glad you are unharmed.

It's a great day, Baby!

Great day!  
Great day!







So that's it...?

Juvia wants to go to Edolas!!



Oh, just say it!! I can't enjoy my liquor until you do!!

The "you" over there was... PBT! Forget it. I can't say it without laughing.



Was the Natsu over there like this guy?

Don't go on a rampage, Natsu!!

Aw, shut up!!

Yeah, this guild is the absolute best!!!!

If so, my deepest sympathies for them...



ギヤハハハハ  
GYA HA HA HA

YEAH  
YEAH

ギヤハハハハ  
GYA HA HA HA

I wanna see that!  
I really wanna see that!!

Bwa ha ha ha ha!

And things like that!

He'd say, "L-Lucy keeps picking on me..."

Ah ha ha!  
About that...

He's really cute!  
♡



And all of these members have some kind of magic within them...?



Everyone has that first impression.

A... A *lively* guild, isn't it?

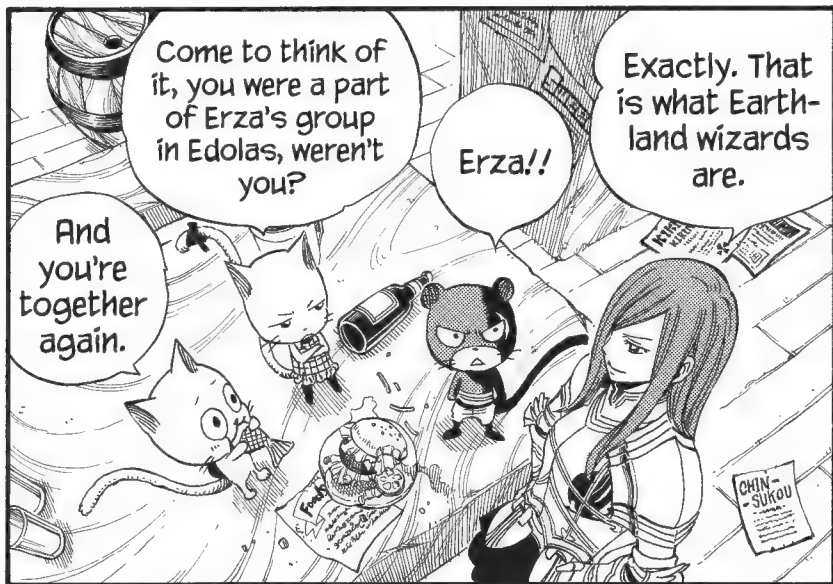
It's fun!

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But the magic isn't the important part.

It's the hearts of those who wield it.



Come to think of it, you were a part of Erza's group in Edolas, weren't you?

And you're together again.

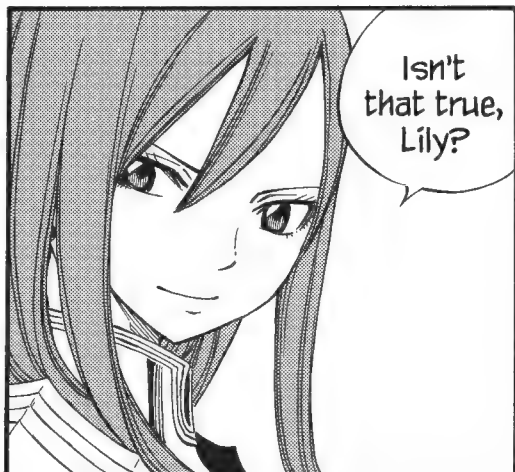
Erza!!

Exactly. That is what Earth-land wizards are.

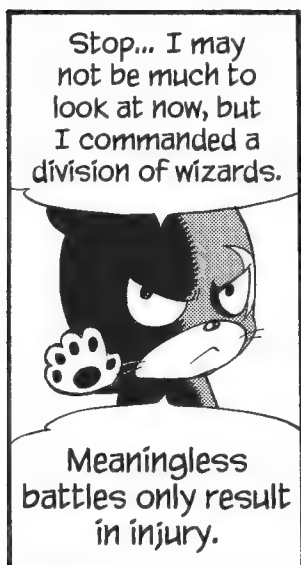


You may be a different Erza...

...but it relaxes me to see such a familiar face.



Isn't that true, Lily?

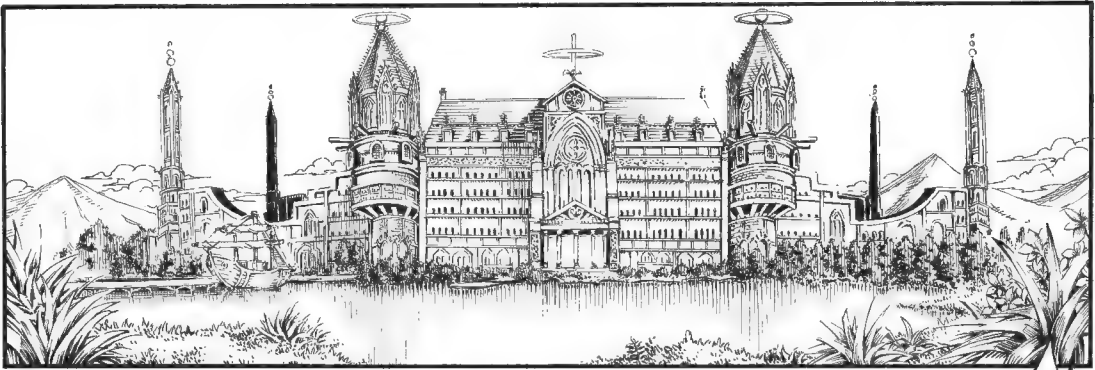
















They're a headache we inherited from the last group.

**Fairy Tail!**

All of these problems were caused by only *one* guild?!!

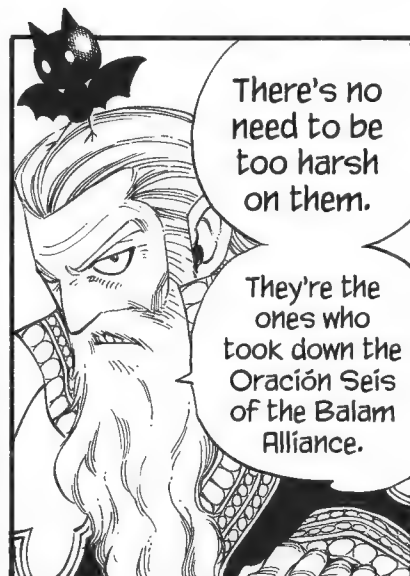


And technically, it's forbidden for any guild to go into battle with any other guild - even a dark guild!

It was set up independently by some regional guilds' alliance.

There is no record of the council approving that mission!

FLIP FLIP



There's no need to be too harsh on them.

They're the ones who took down the Oración Seis of the Balam Alliance.



But what I find disturbing is how some of them called Jellal a "friend!" They even said so in their reports!

That's a dangerous way to think!



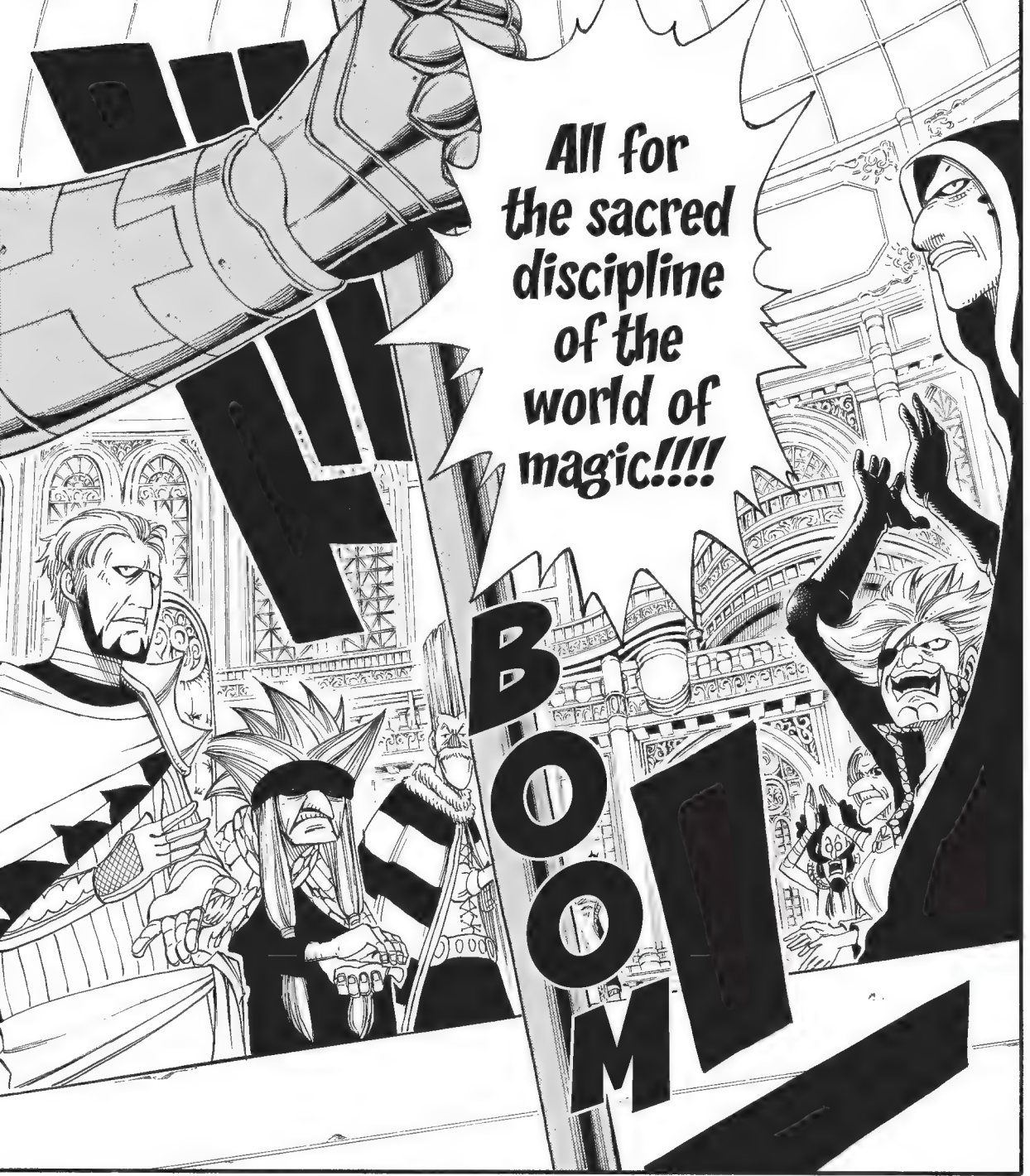
No... I don't see that happening. They may call it an alliance, but it's really nothing more than a non-aggression pact.

And worse, this incident could cause reprisals from the Balam Alliance against official guilds!

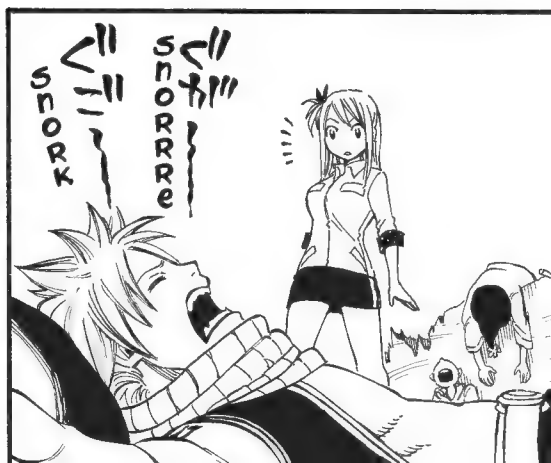
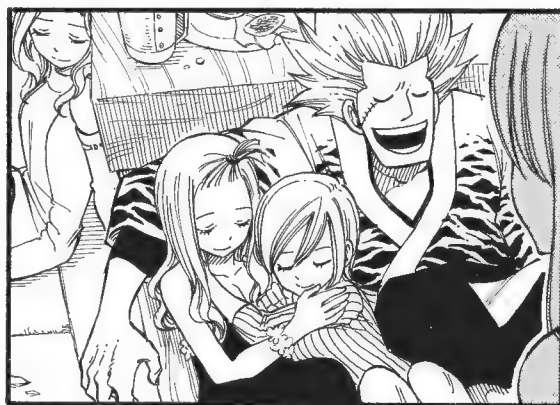
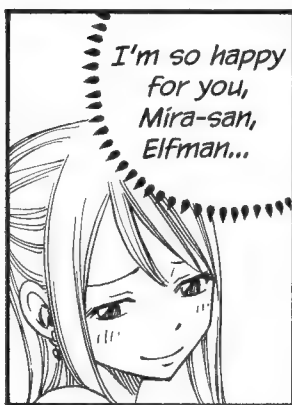
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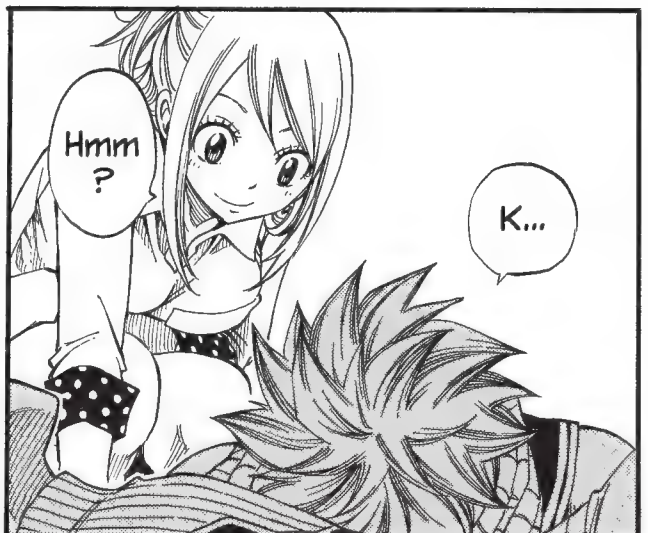
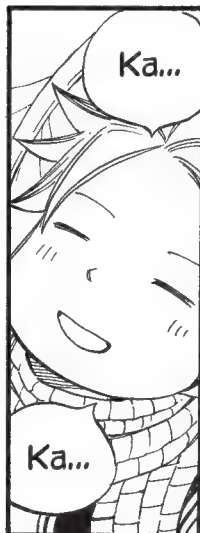
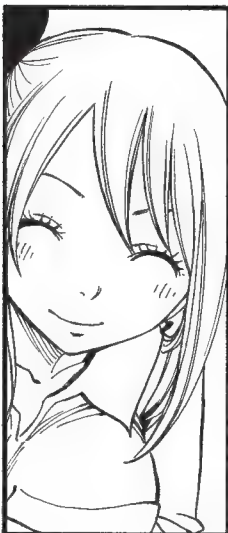




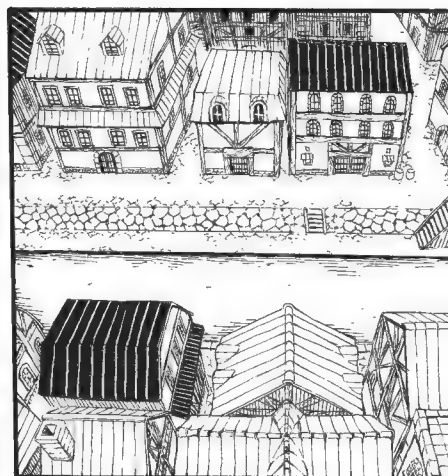
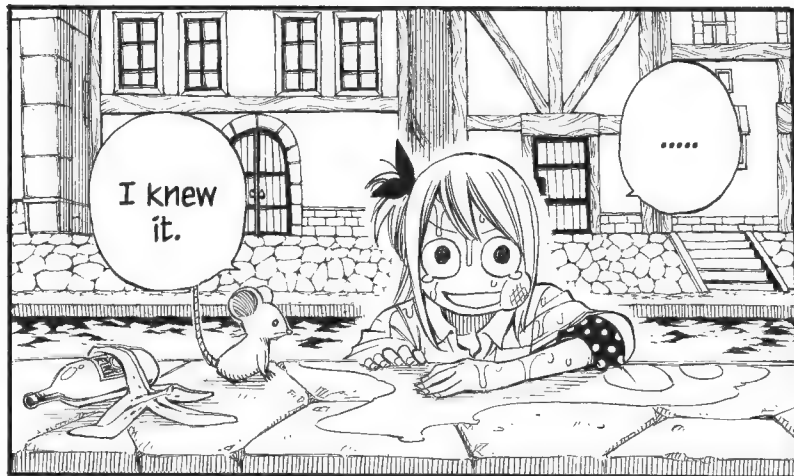




I bet Natsu really wants to see Igneel again too.

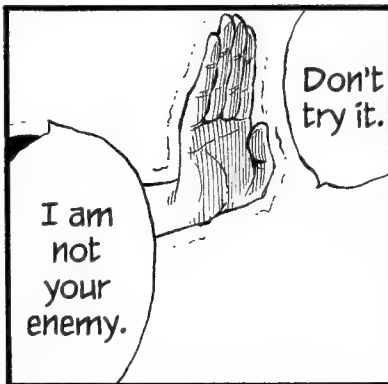














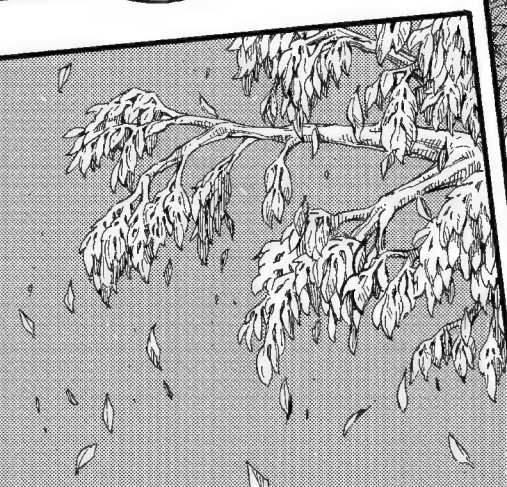


...tried  
to come  
close to  
me.

You  
shouldn't  
have...



But the  
world  
rejects  
me.



I never  
wanted  
to take  
anybody's  
life...



I'm  
sorry...





*Natsu...*

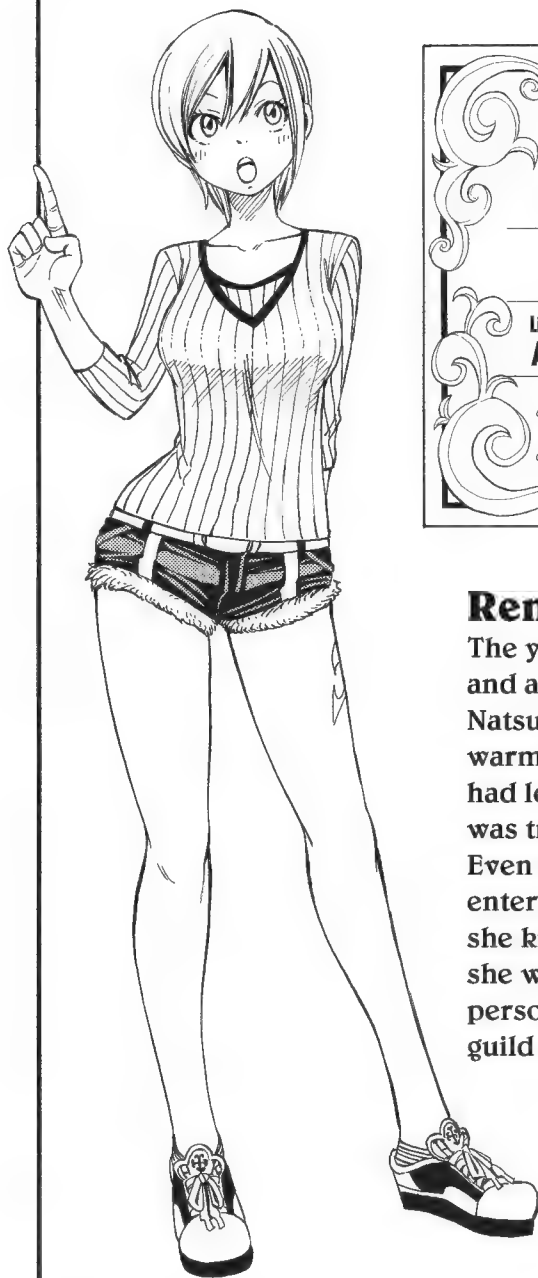
*I hope  
I can  
see you  
soon!*



**FAIRY TAIL**  
フェアリーテイル

# FAIRY TAIL

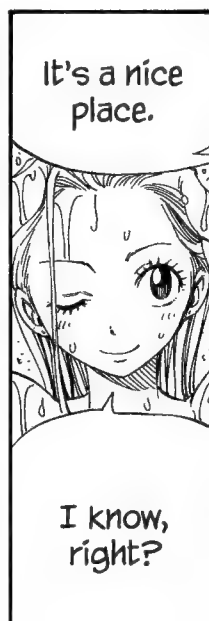
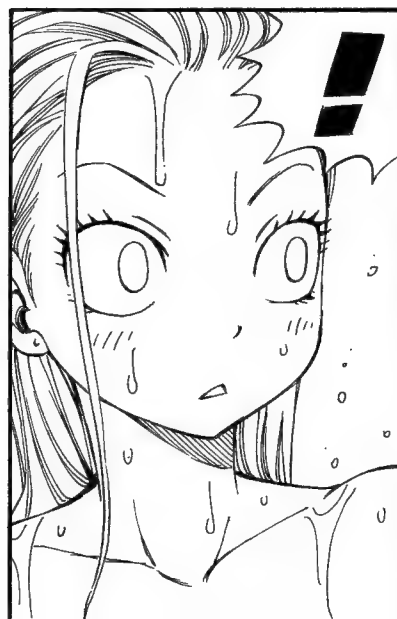
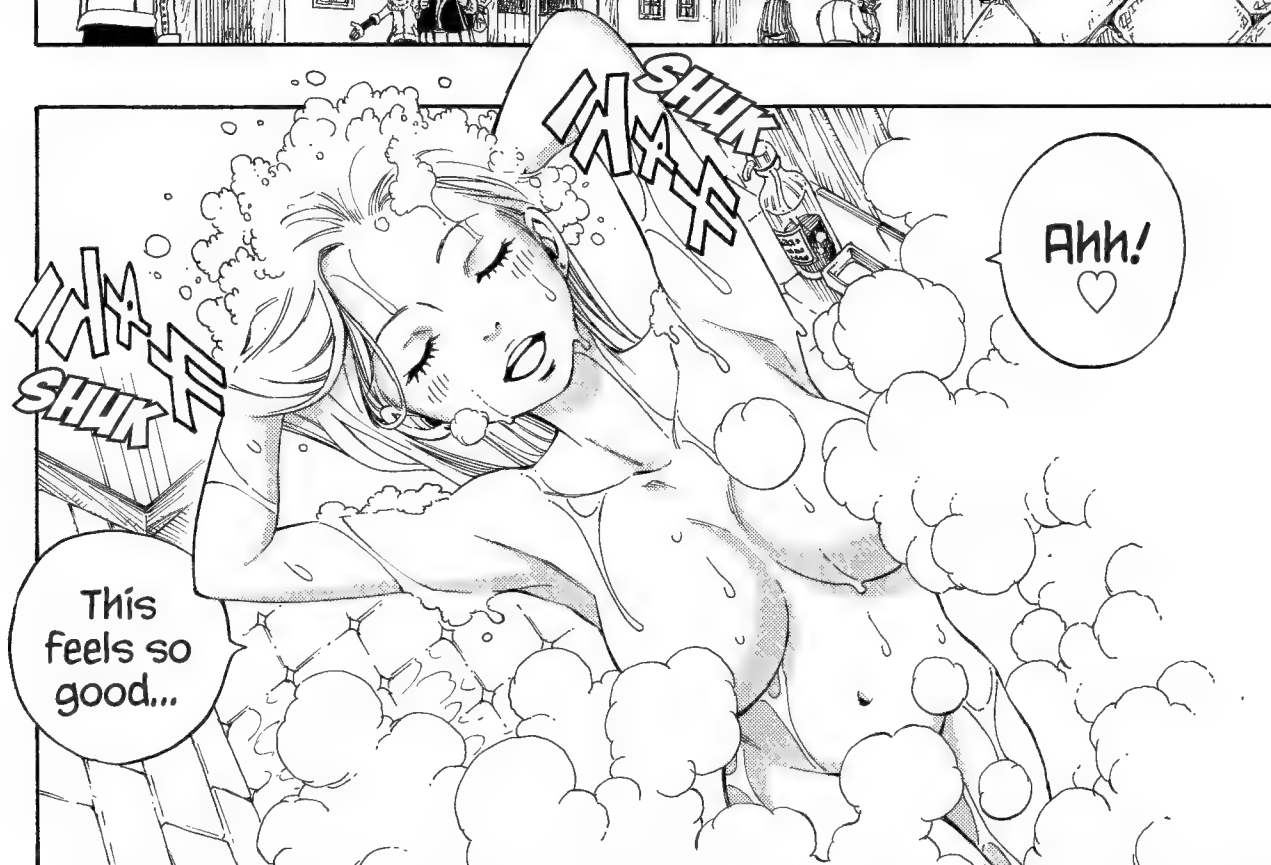
フェアリーテイル



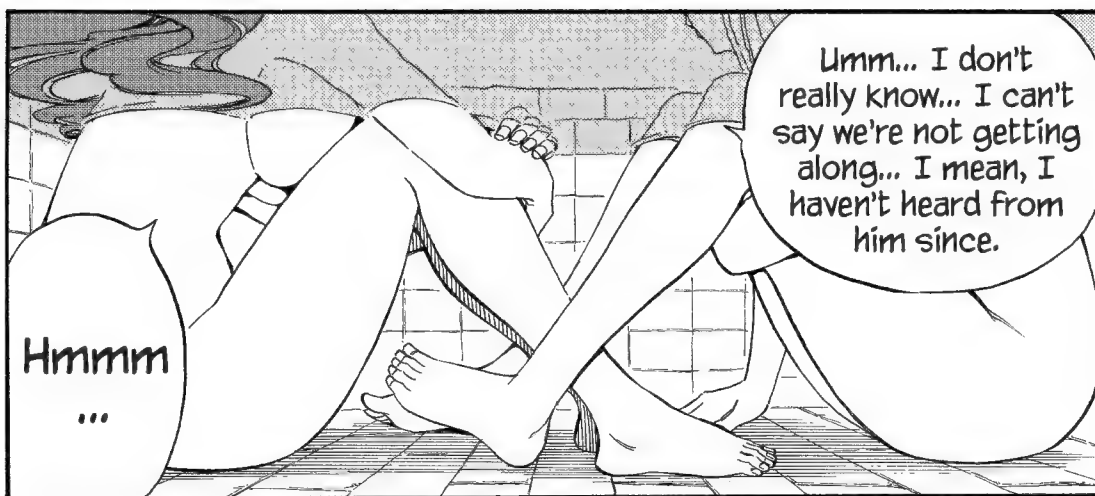
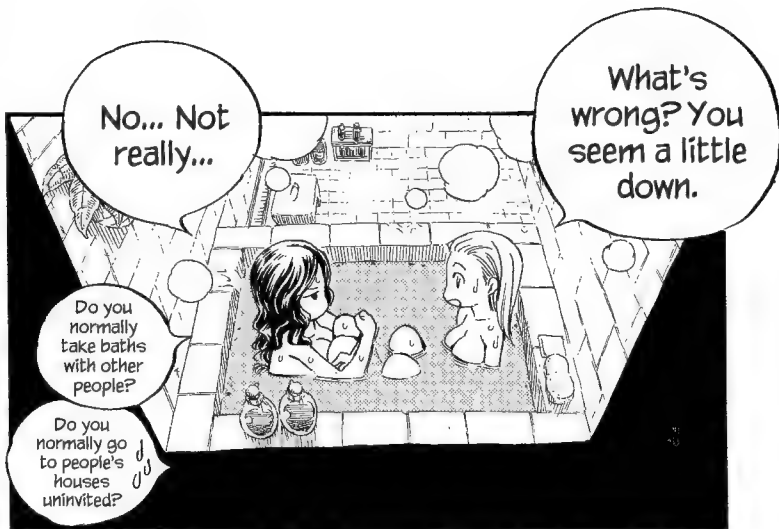
## Remarks

The younger sister of Mirajane and Elfman, and a childhood friend of Natsu's. She and Natsu together helped keep Happy's egg warm. Two years ago, everyone thought she had lost her life on a job, but actually she was transported and had to live in Edolas. Even though people like Lucy and Juvia entered the guild while Lisanna was gone, she knew versions of them in Edolas, so she was quick to adapt. Basically an upbeat person, she opened up to everyone in the guild soon after her return.

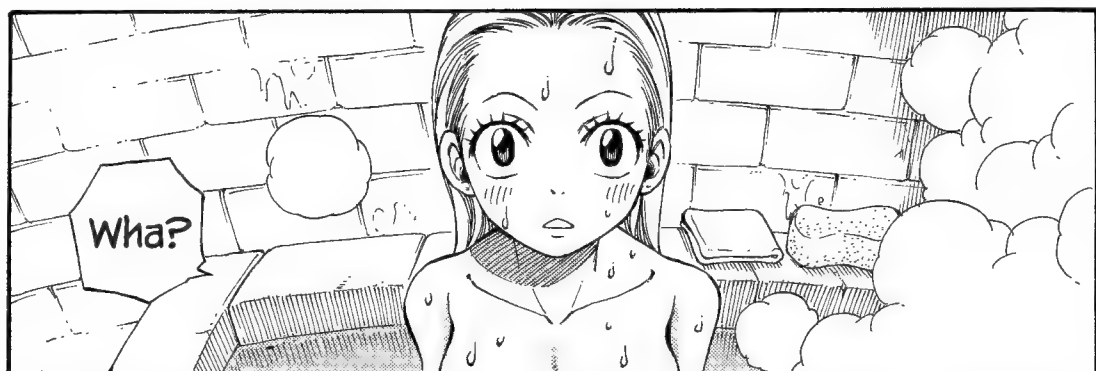
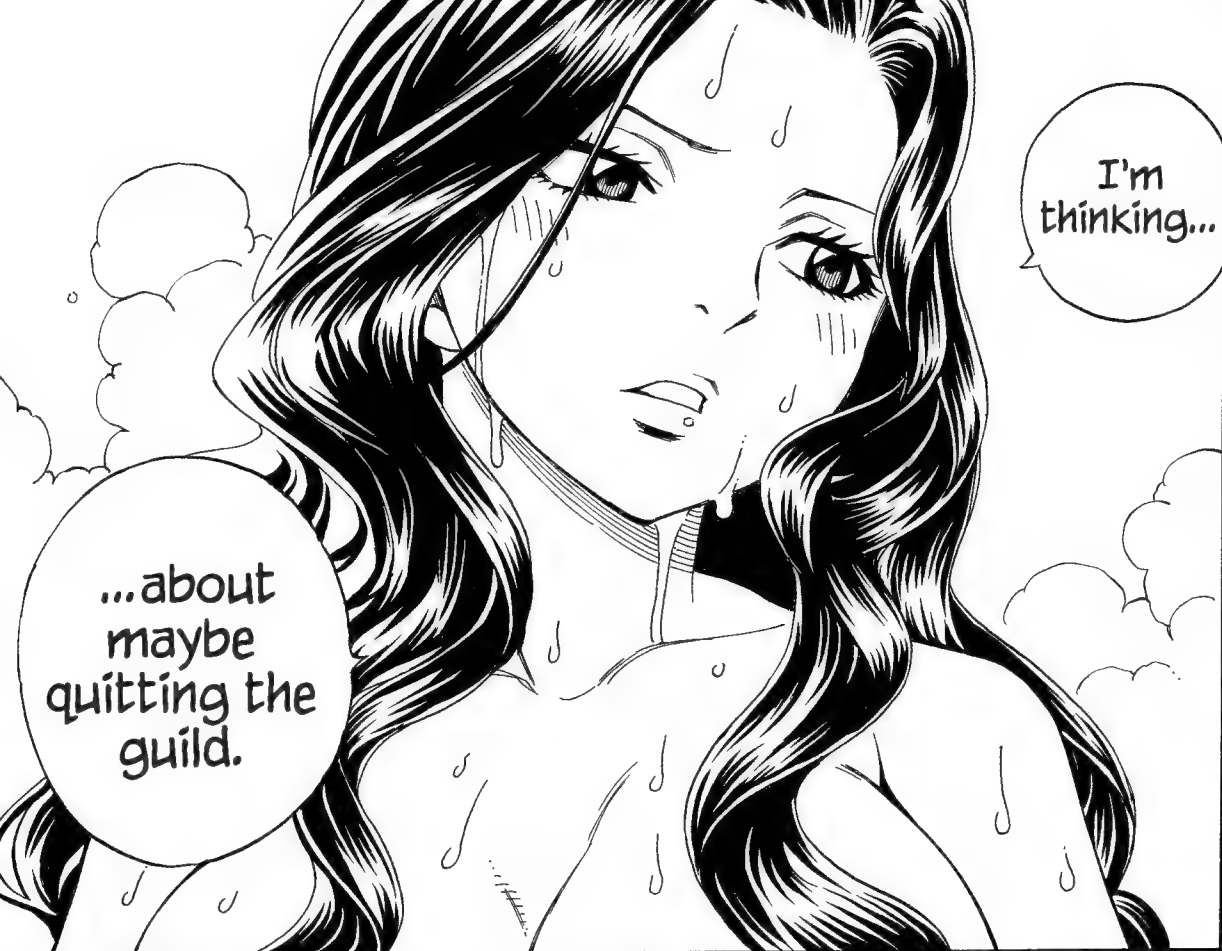


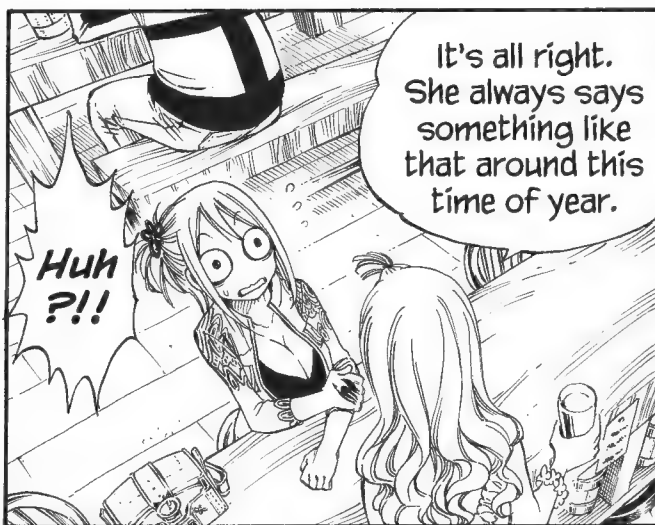
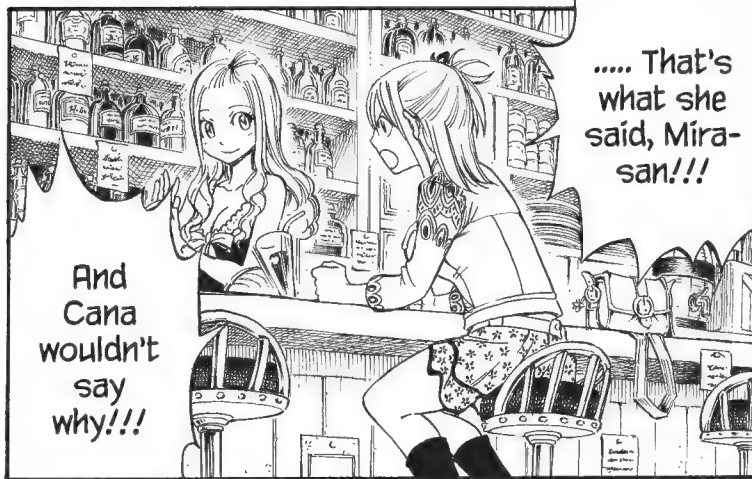
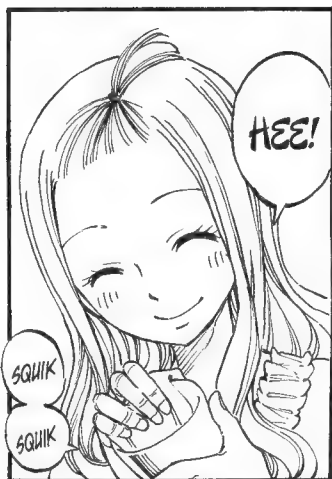


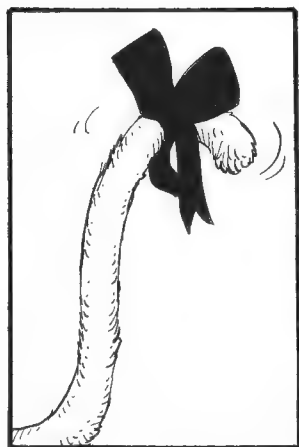




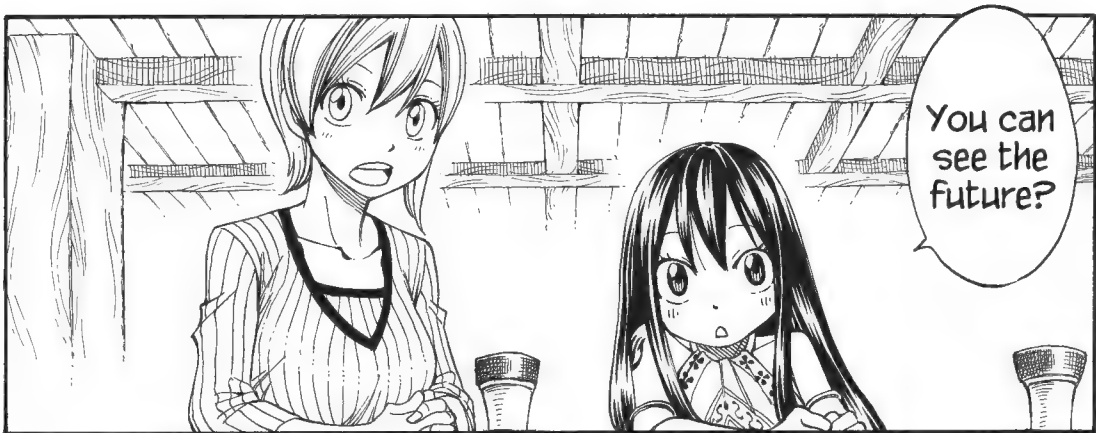


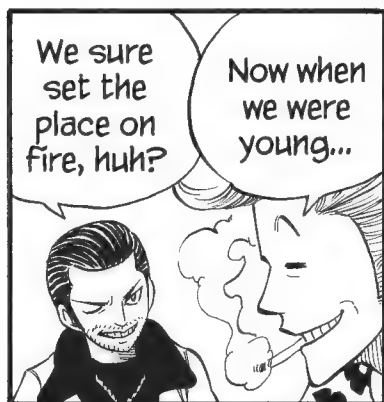














And I can't yet completely control it.



Yeah!

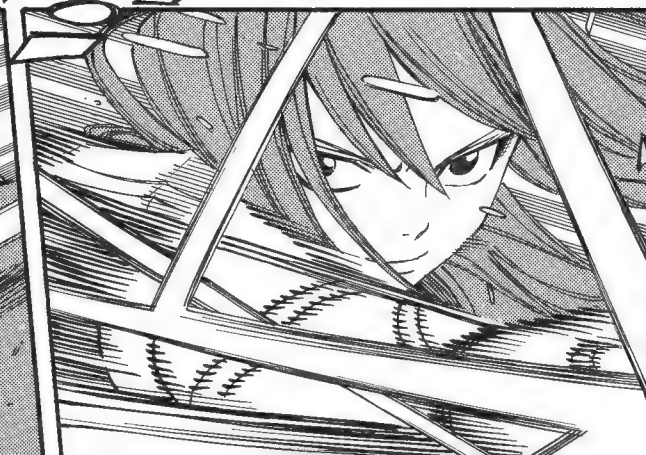
But it's amazing, Carla!

Fore-seeing *that* doesn't do much good, though.

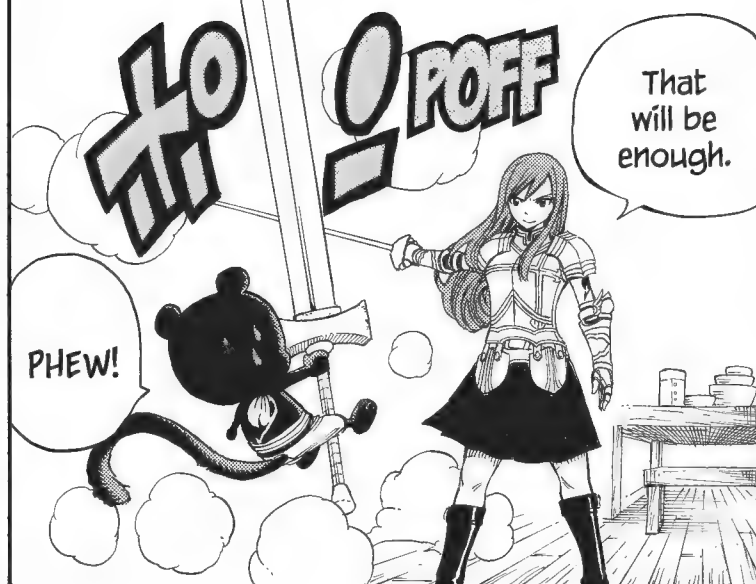
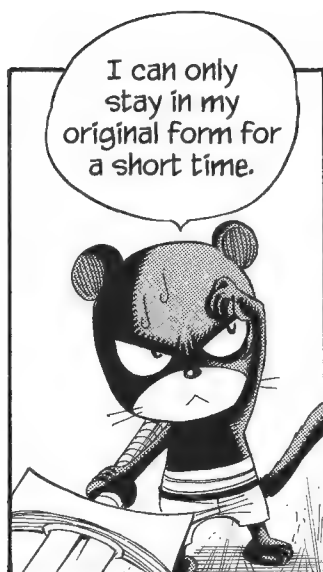


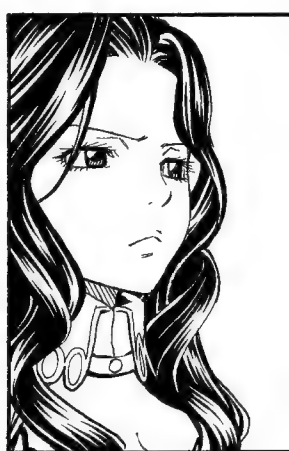
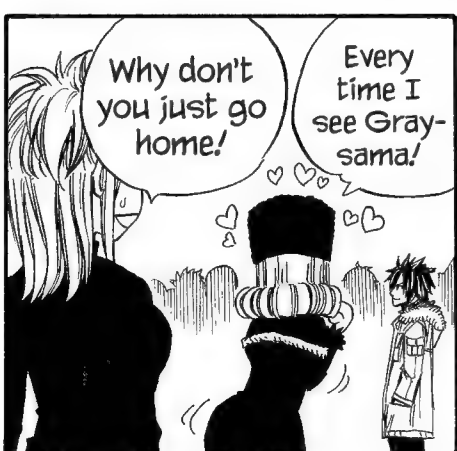
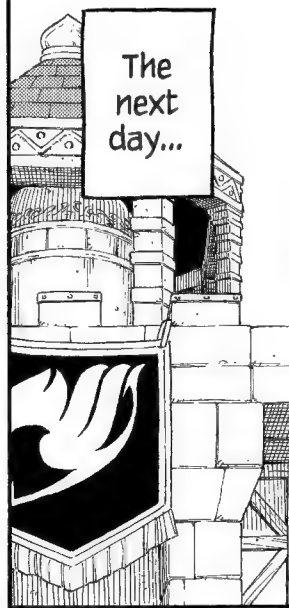
Watch out!

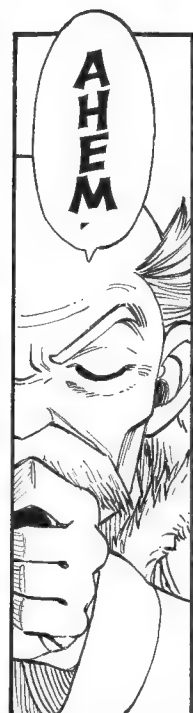
Rock!













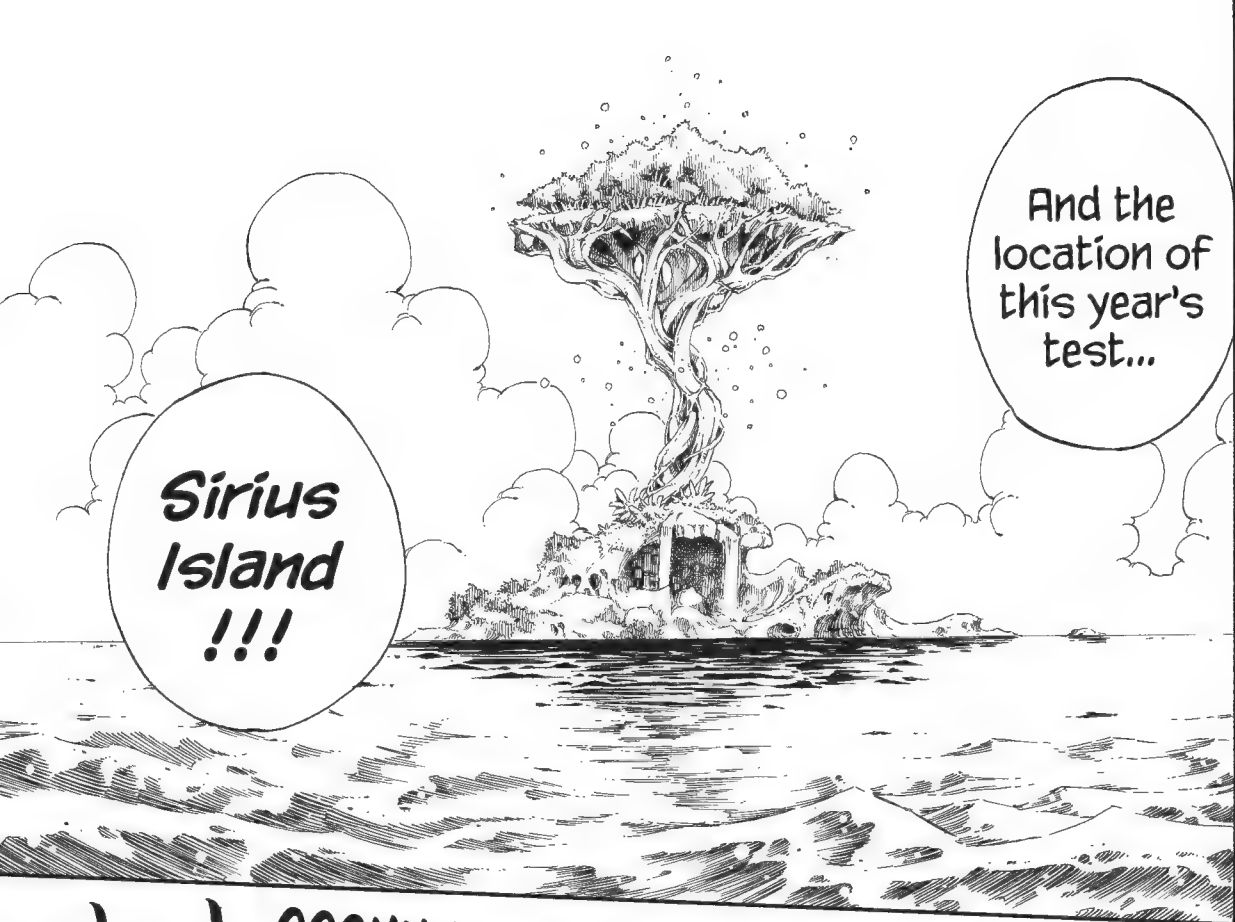
The list of  
wizards eligible  
to take the  
S-Class Wizard  
Qualification  
Test!!!

FIREY TAIL

I'm  
all  
fired  
up  
!!!!

GWOOAAH

S-Class  
Wizard  
Qualifi-  
cation  
Test  
?!!

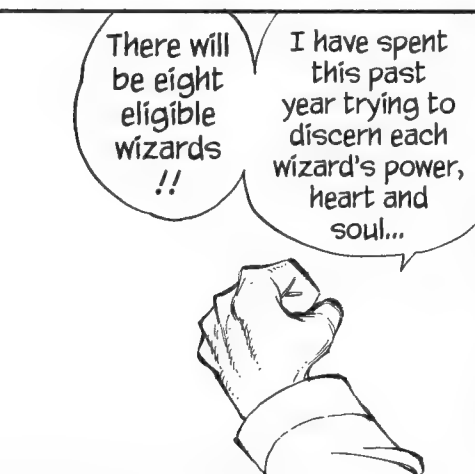


**Sirius  
Island  
!!!**

And the  
location of  
this year's  
test...



Sacred  
ground  
for our  
guild.



There will  
be eight  
eligible  
wizards  
!!

I have spent  
this past  
year trying to  
discern each  
wizard's power,  
heart and  
soul...



After all,  
anybody  
who passes  
becomes  
an S-Class  
wizard!

The only  
thing the  
same is that  
it's always  
really hard.

It's  
different  
every  
year.

How  
do they  
do this  
test?

**Mest  
Gryder!**

**Levy  
McGarden!**

**Fried  
Justine!**

**Cana  
Alberona!**

**Elfman!**

**Juvia  
Lockser!**

**Gray  
Fullbuster!**

**Natsu  
Dragneel!**

**It's  
Mest  
!!**

Me...?  
I'm  
finally  
picked?

**Levy!!!  
Congrats  
!!!**



**He almost  
made it  
last year!**

**Lexus!  
I'm ready to  
inherit your  
position!**

...

S-Class  
is the  
proper  
place for  
a  
man!!!!

You  
go,  
big  
brother  
!!!

Eh?  
You mean  
Juvia?

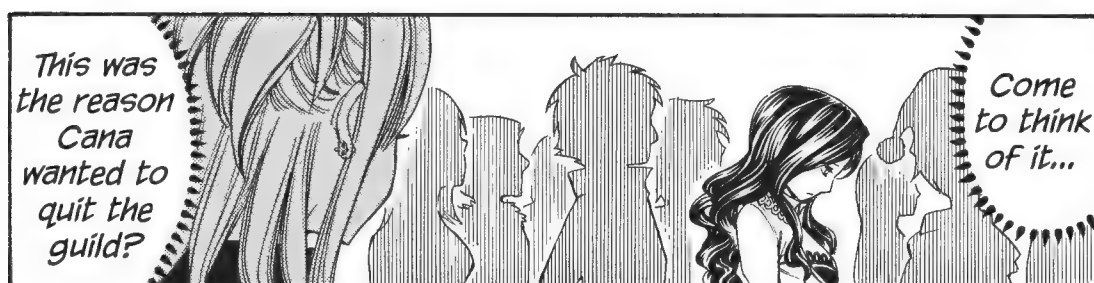
**The time  
has finally  
come!**

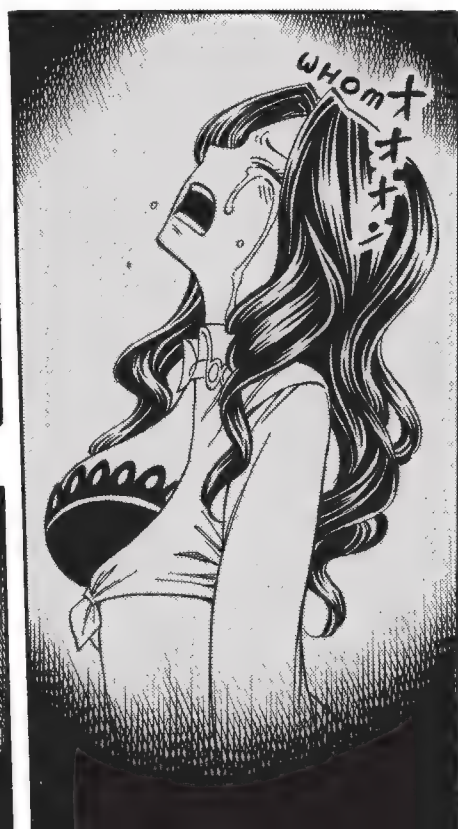
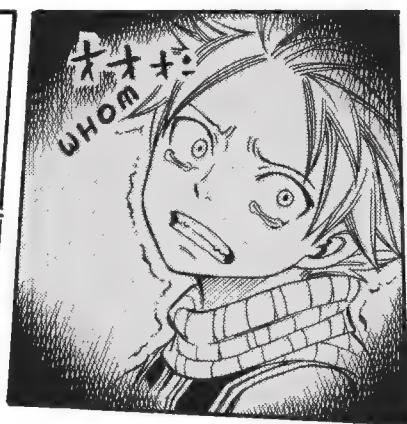
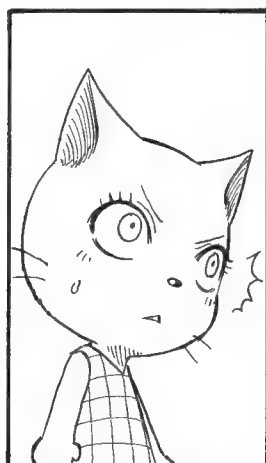
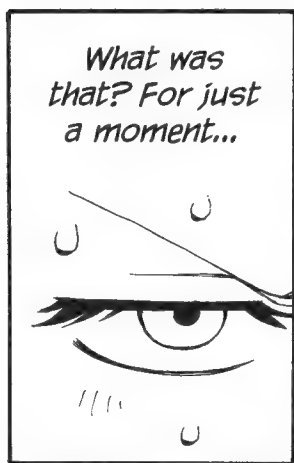
**All  
right  
!!!!**

**Good  
for you,  
Natsu  
!!**











And  
I'd find  
myself  
taking  
part.

...this  
event would  
take an  
unexpected  
turn.



# FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

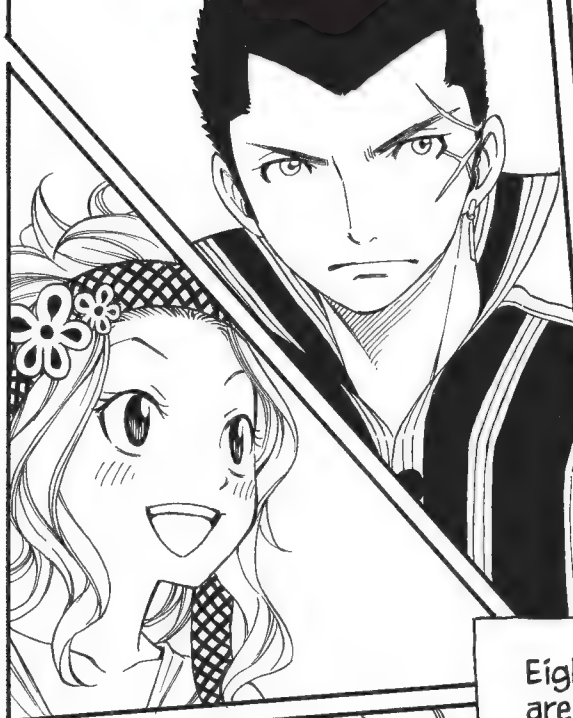


<b>FAIRY TAIL</b>	
Name: <b>Panther Lily</b>	Age: <b>? yrs.</b>
Magic: <b>Aera &amp; Battle Mode Shift</b>	
Likes: <b>Kiwi Fruit</b>	Dislikes: <b>Thunder</b>

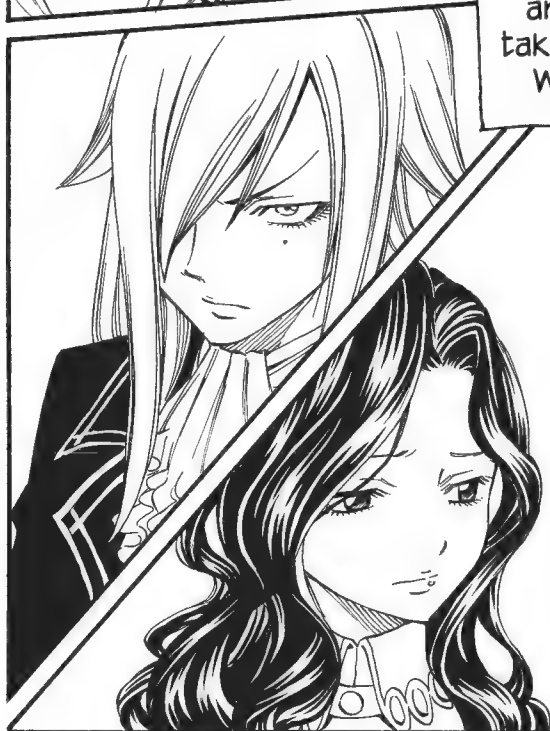


## Remarks

Born in Extalia on the other world, Edolas, he belongs to the same race as Happy, the Exceed. He was born larger than most Exceed, and it could be that difference that made him more interested in the humans than any of his fellow Exceed. One day, he found and saved the life of a human child (Mystogan), but when he brought him home to Extalia, that act got Panther Lily banished from his home country. From then on, he lived in the human world raising Mystogan, and with his military skills, he became a division commander in the Royal Forces. Now in the world of Earth-land, his body has become very small. He can revert to his original body for very short periods of time, but he also seems quite fond of his new body.



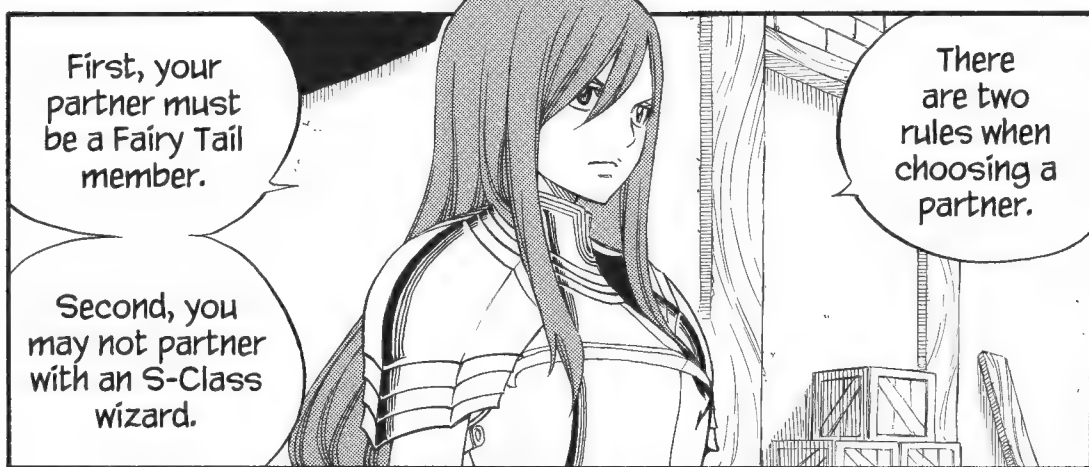
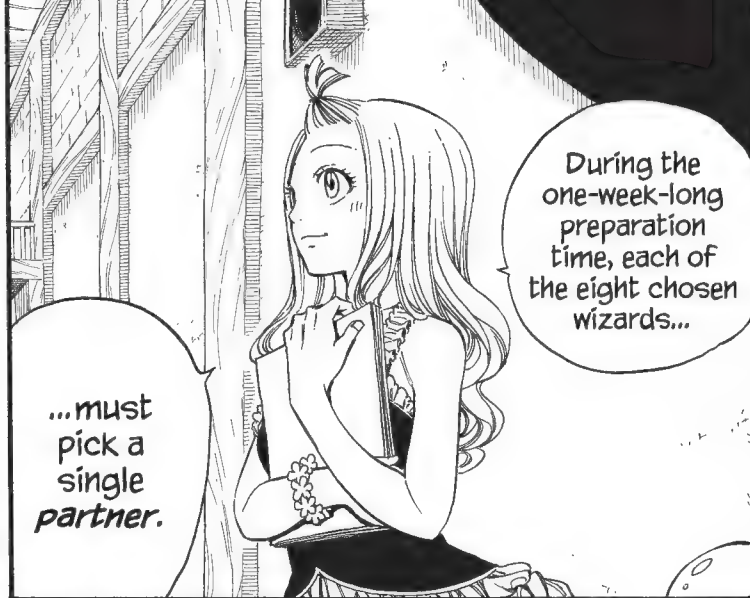
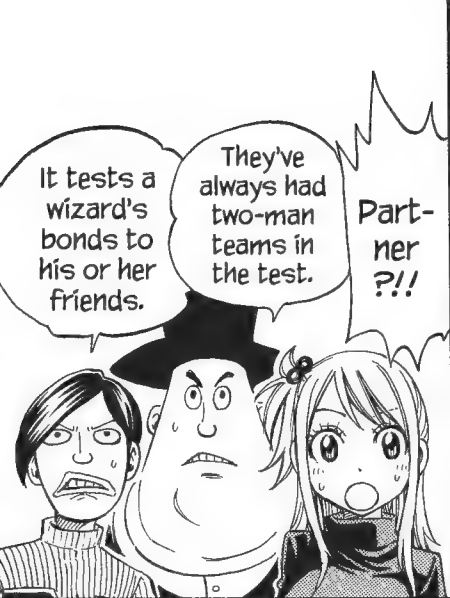
Eight wizards  
are eligible to  
take the S-Class  
Wizard test!



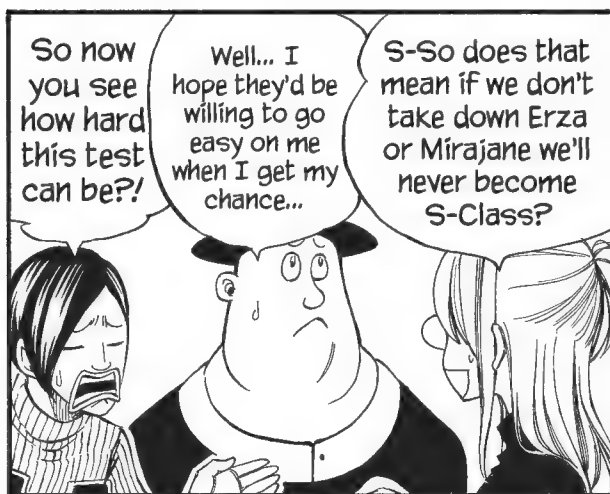
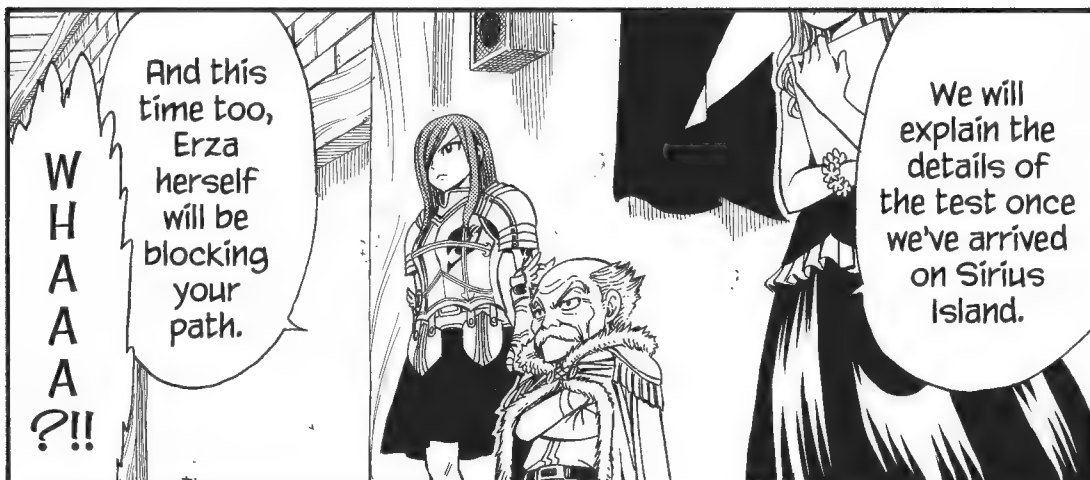
...we'll go  
over the  
rules.

Now, since  
we have  
first-timers  
here...











**That is all!!!!**

I want each of the chosen wizards and their partners...

...all gathered together in Hargeon Port in one week!



Ngaah! The road to S-Class will be long and hard for a *man*!

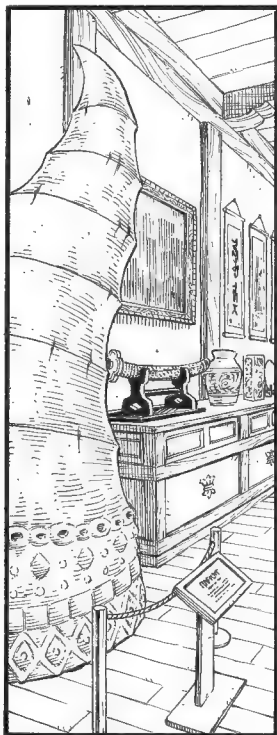
It seems very hard.

The hurdles this year are especially high!

I didn't expect that! So this is the *first* test for everybody at this table?

I'm rooting for you all!

I'm fired up!!! I am gonna make S-Class this year for sure!!!!



**Aye!**

Well my partner is Happy, of course.

Come to think of it, has everybody decided on partners?



You say some awful things, Gray.

He'd only be a drawback when it comes to a fight.

I got no objections either.



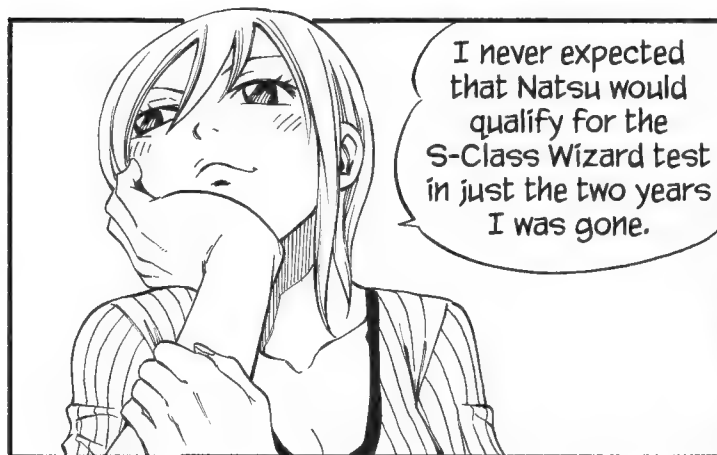
I think it's fair enough.

It isn't fair to have Happy as a partner, isn't it?!! If it turns out to be a race and you guys can fly, you'd win in an instant!



**When it comes to friendship, we'll never surrender!!!!**

**I will be sure to see Natsu all the way through to his S-Class Wizardship!!!!**



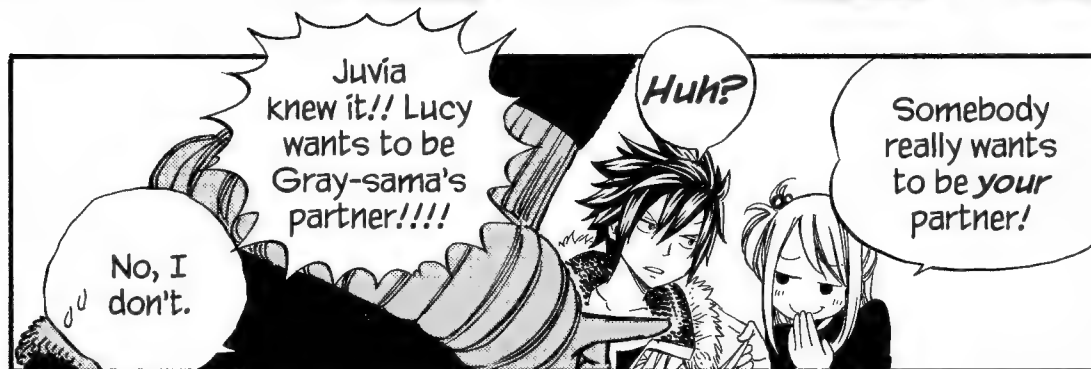
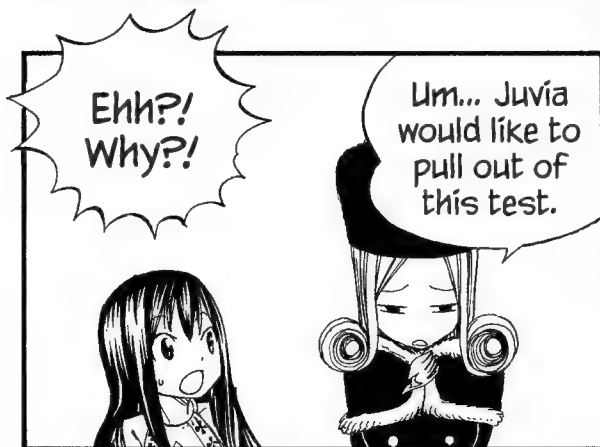
I never expected that Natsu would qualify for the S-Class Wizard test in just the two years I was gone.

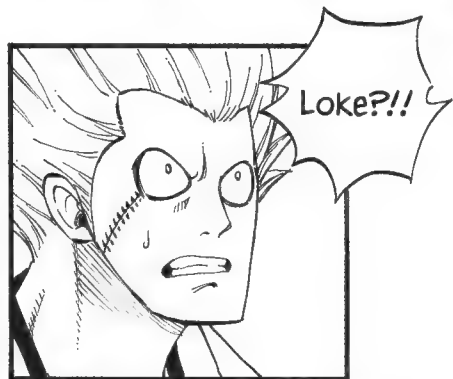


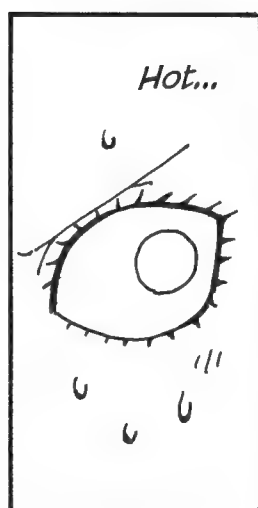
Aye, Sir !!!

Can't waste time here!! Gotta go train!!!

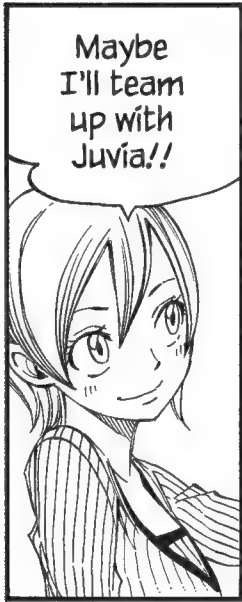












Maybe  
I'll team  
up with  
Juvia!!

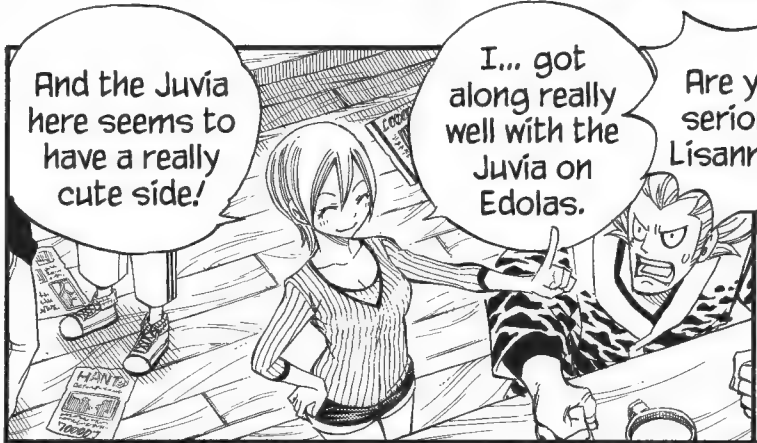


Earth-  
land to  
Juvia...

A hot  
one-on-  
one?!!!



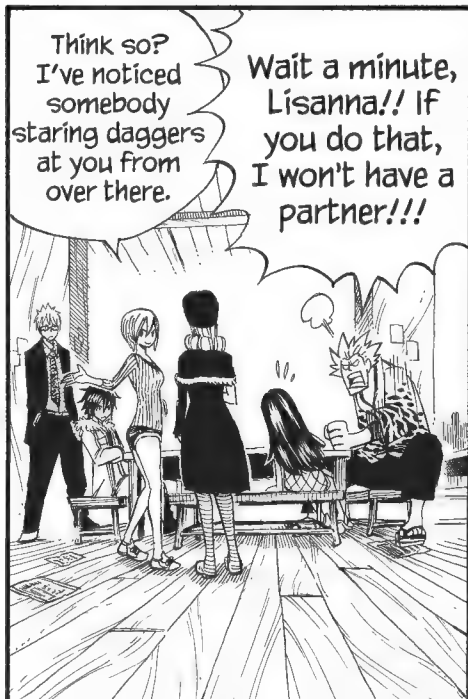
Lisanna-  
san...



And the Juvia  
here seems to  
have a really  
cute side!

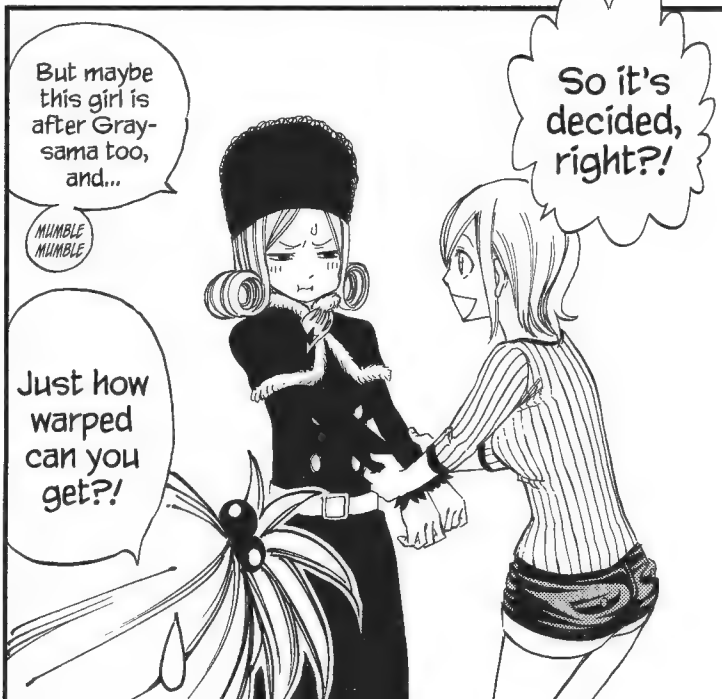
I... got  
along really  
well with the  
Juvia on  
Edolas.

Are you  
serious,  
Lisanna?!



Think so?  
I've noticed  
somebody  
staring daggers  
at you from  
over there.

Wait a minute,  
Lisanna!! If  
you do that,  
I won't have a  
partner!!!

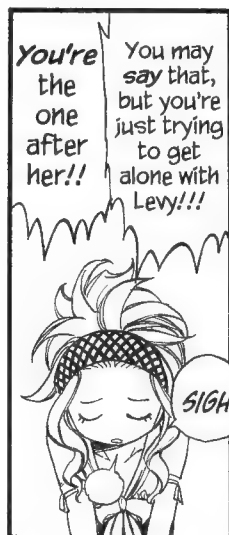
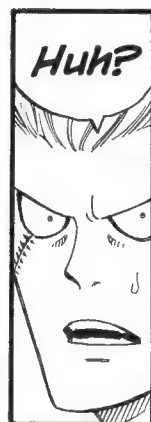


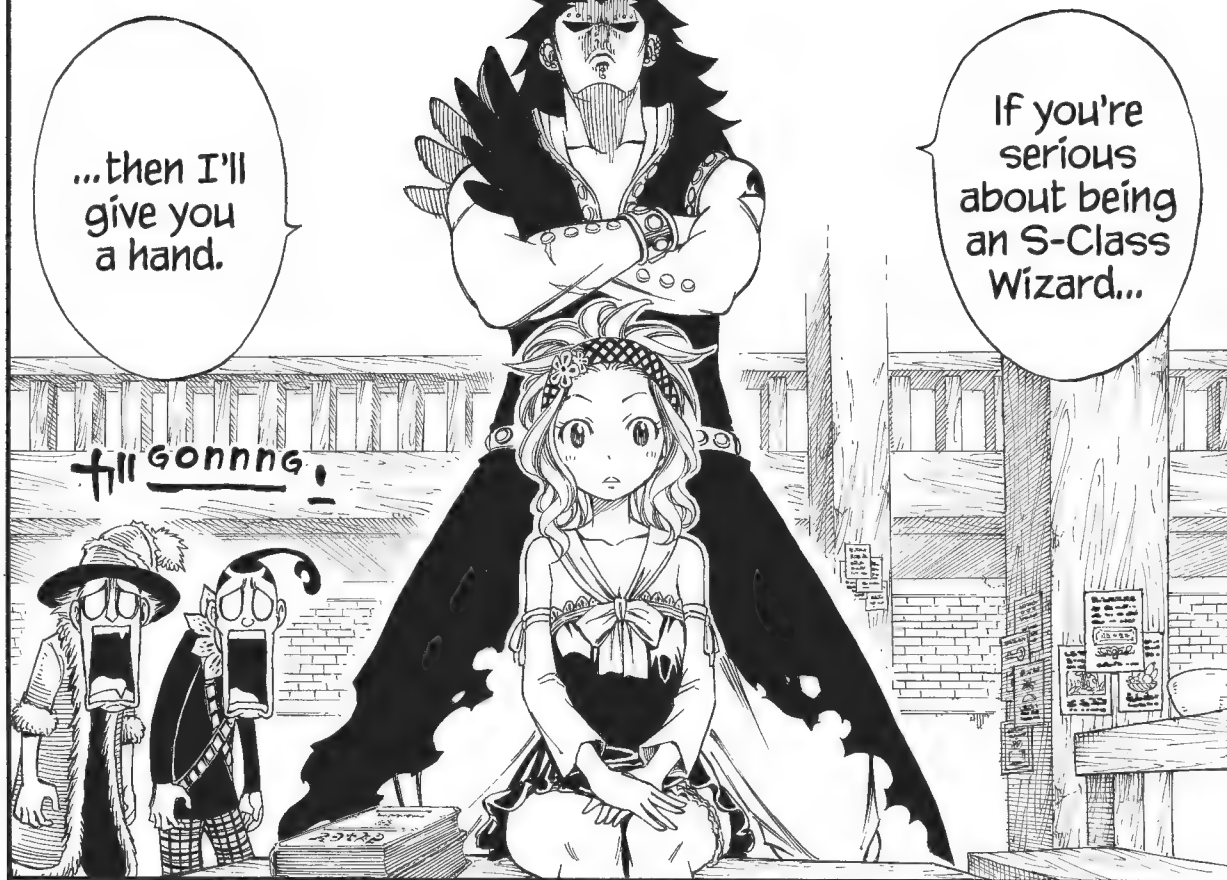
But maybe  
this girl is  
after Gray-  
sama too,  
and...

MUMBLE  
MUMBLE

Just how  
warped  
can you  
get?!

So it's  
decided,  
right?!





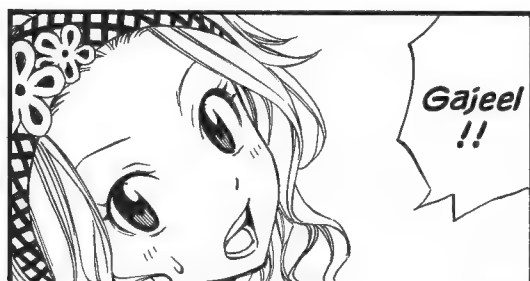
...then I'll  
give you  
a hand.

If you're  
serious  
about being  
an S-Class  
Wizard...

*fil gonning!*



It means  
that I get  
to bust up  
people who  
annoy me,  
right?



*Gajeel*  
!!



Ahh  
!!

Stop...  
Let me  
down!!

*POP*  
*ぽい*

What's  
the good of  
being that  
weak-willed  
before you  
even try?



...so  
I think  
I'm going  
to lose  
pretty  
quickly.

I'm...  
small, and  
I'm not  
much use  
to any-  
body...







Ah...

Um...

You  
are...



I  
wouldn't  
say  
that.

Miss  
Priestess  
of the  
Sky.



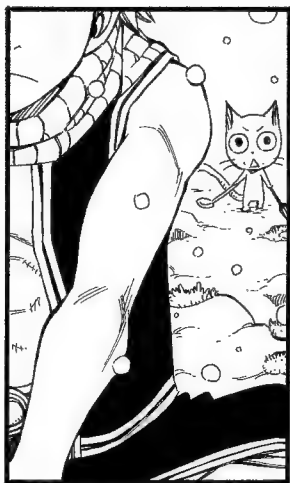
*I'm  
Mest.*

*I was a  
disciple of  
Mystogan.*





What's wrong, Natsu?



Natsu! Dinner is ready!



*And I'm gonna be sure to be an S-Class Wizard!!!!*



It's finally come! My chance!



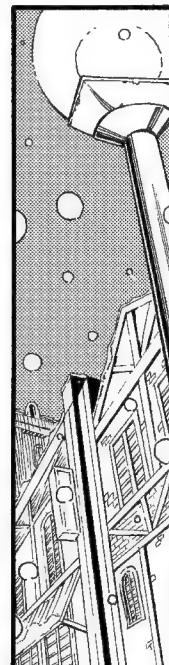
Hm?



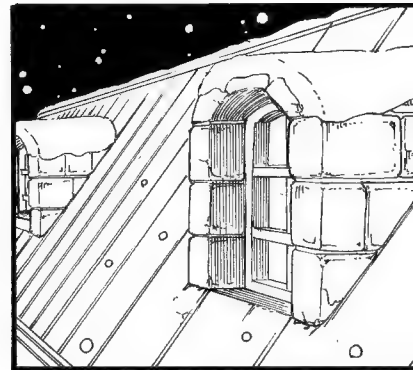
Pu-puun!

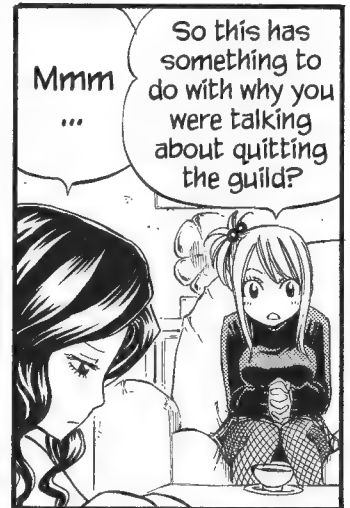
Whoa! Snow!!

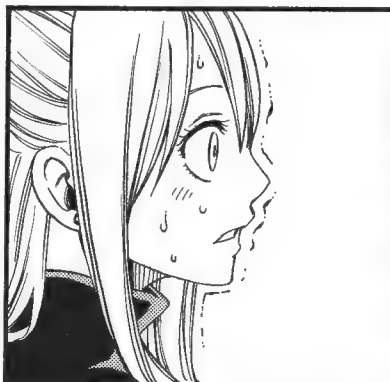
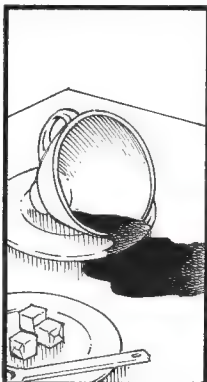
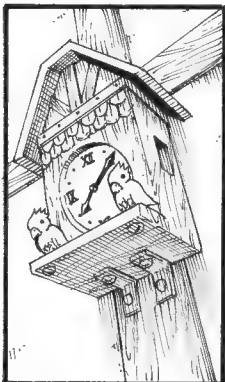
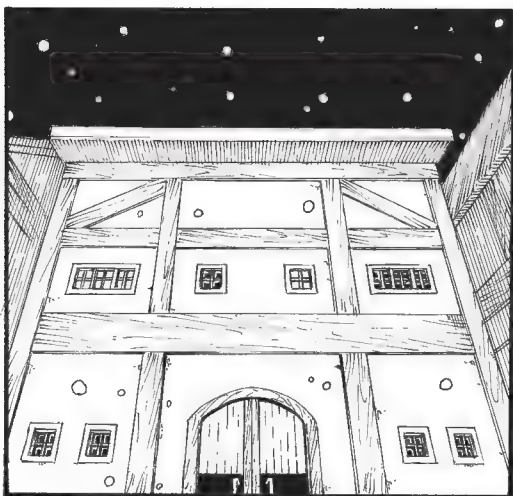
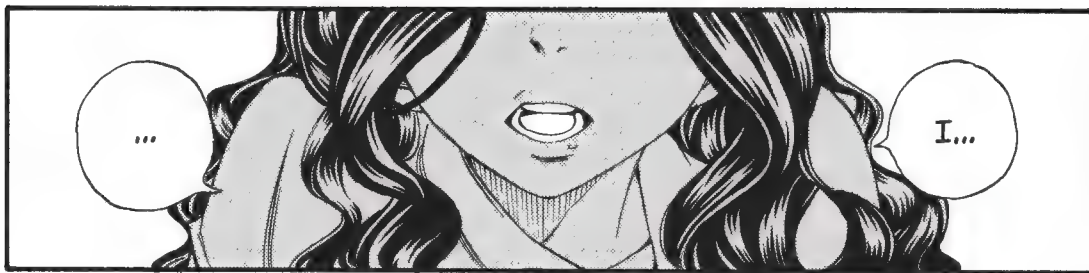
So snow falls in Magnolia too, huh?



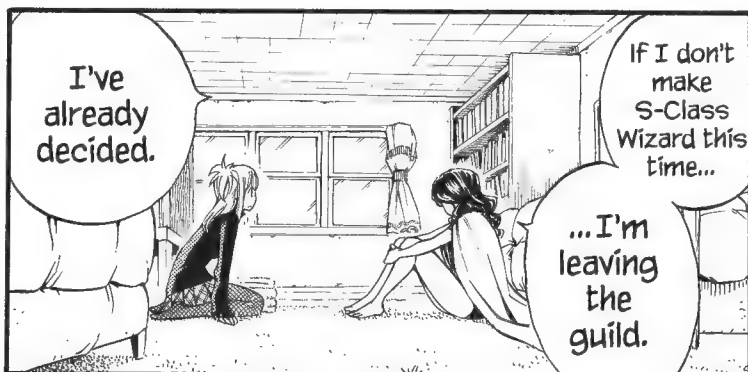


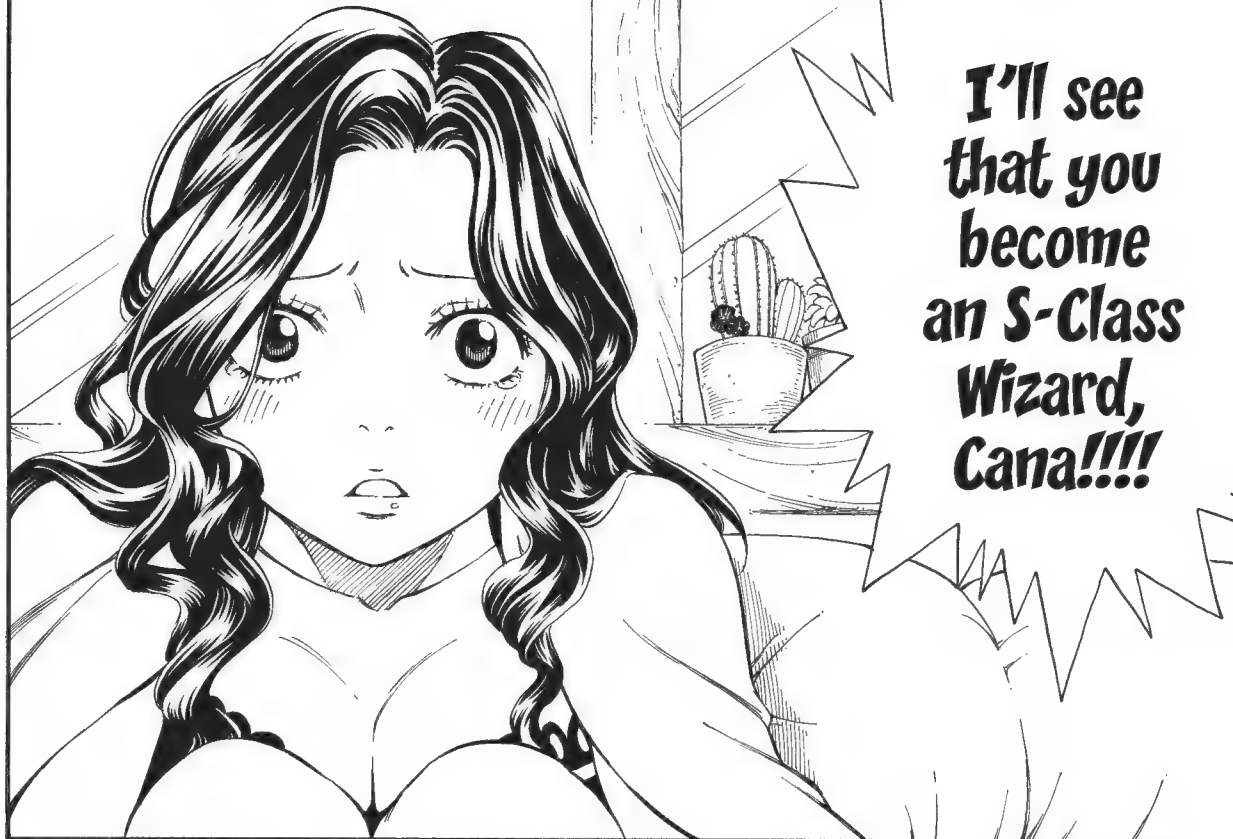










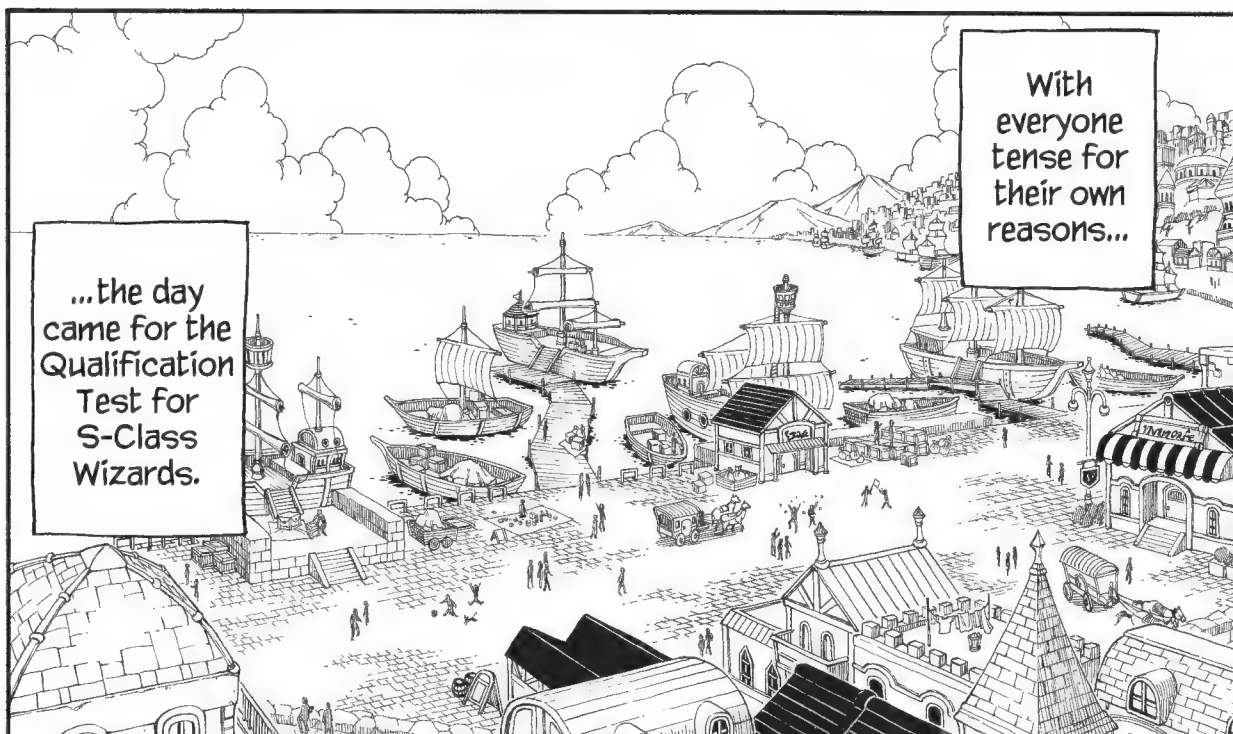
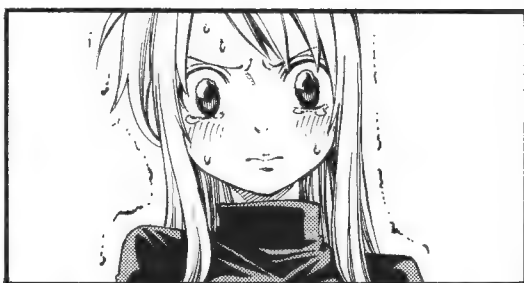


**I'll see  
that you  
become  
an S-Class  
Wizard,  
Cana!!!!**



Lucy...

PLIP  
お



...the day  
came for the  
Qualification  
Test for  
S-Class  
Wizards.

With  
everyone  
tense for  
their own  
reasons...

# FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 203, Eight Paths





It was  
just winter!  
What's all this  
about...

**SHEEN**

It's hot!!!



Lu-chan,  
I wouldn't  
go out  
dressed  
like that.

Sounds  
awful!

Maybe I'll  
turn to ice  
cream and  
have Happy  
eat me.

I think  
I'm  
going to  
melt!

In this area,  
the trade  
winds bring  
in hot air. It's  
this tempera-  
ture year-  
round.

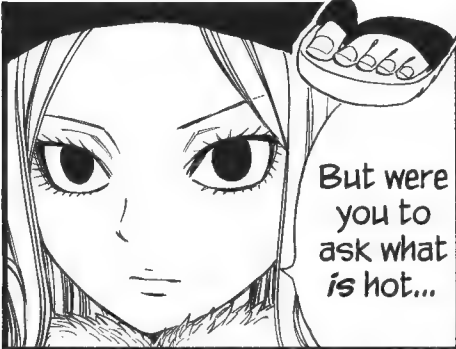
**IT'S  
SLUMP**

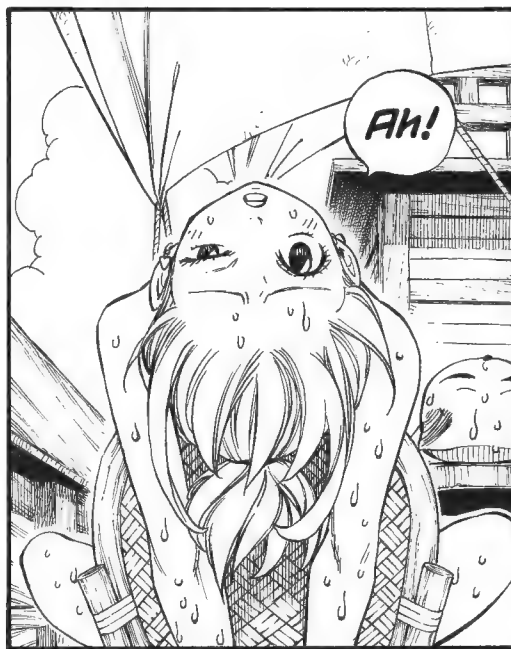


Juvia is  
not hot.

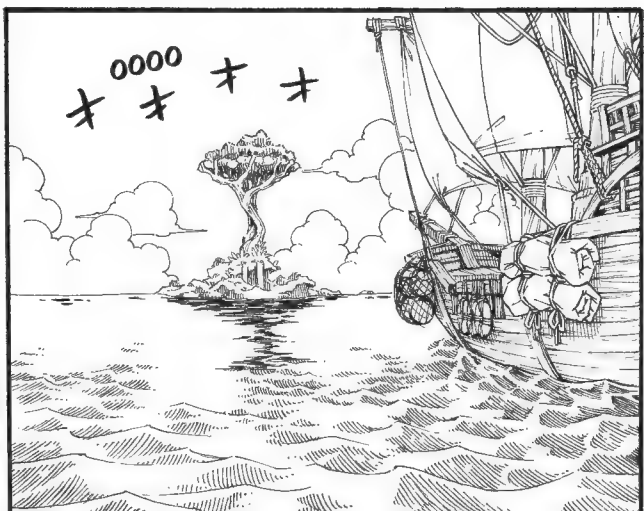
Juvia, aren't  
you hot  
dressed like  
that?

But were  
you to  
ask what  
is hot...





\*Loincloth: "Man"



There's  
an island  
above the  
island?!!

URP!

Natsu!!  
We're almost  
there!

So  
we've  
arrived  
!!!

That's  
Sirius  
Island?!!

That's  
one weird-  
looking  
island!

And this  
is also the  
place...

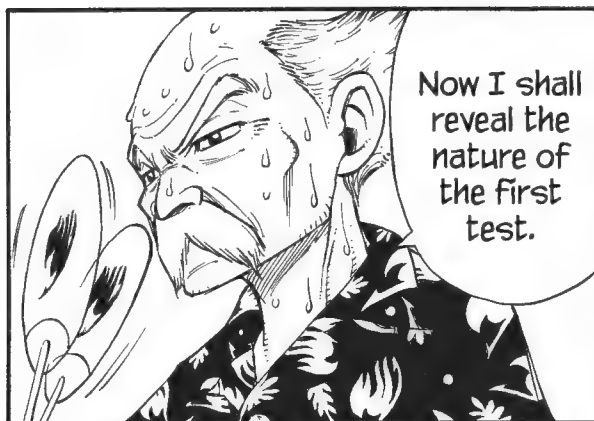
where Fairy  
Tail's first  
master, Mavis  
Vermillion,  
now rests!

Master!

They say  
that...

...fairies  
once lived  
on this  
island.





Now I shall reveal the nature of the first test.



Well, it's hot!

What's with those clothes?!

A nude guy has no right to complain!



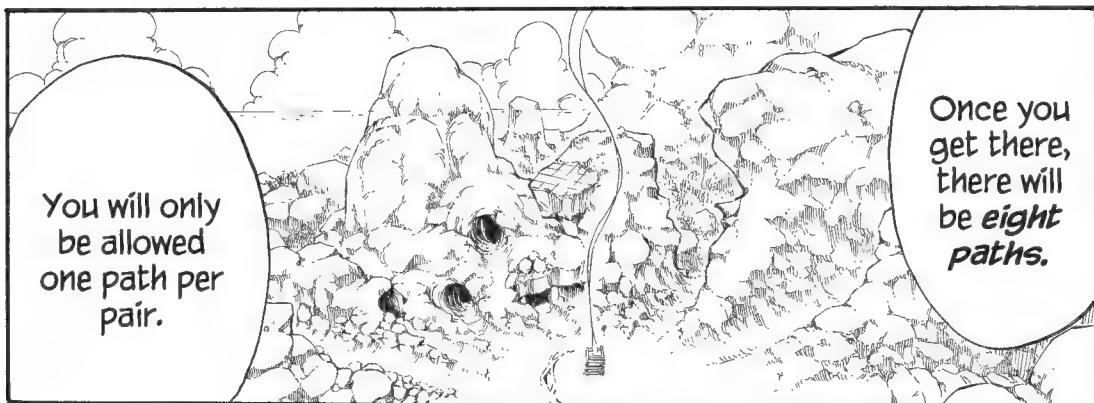
You see where that stream of smoke is rising from the shore?

Your first order of business is to make your way there.



Pretty much every year, there are several different levels.

The first test?!

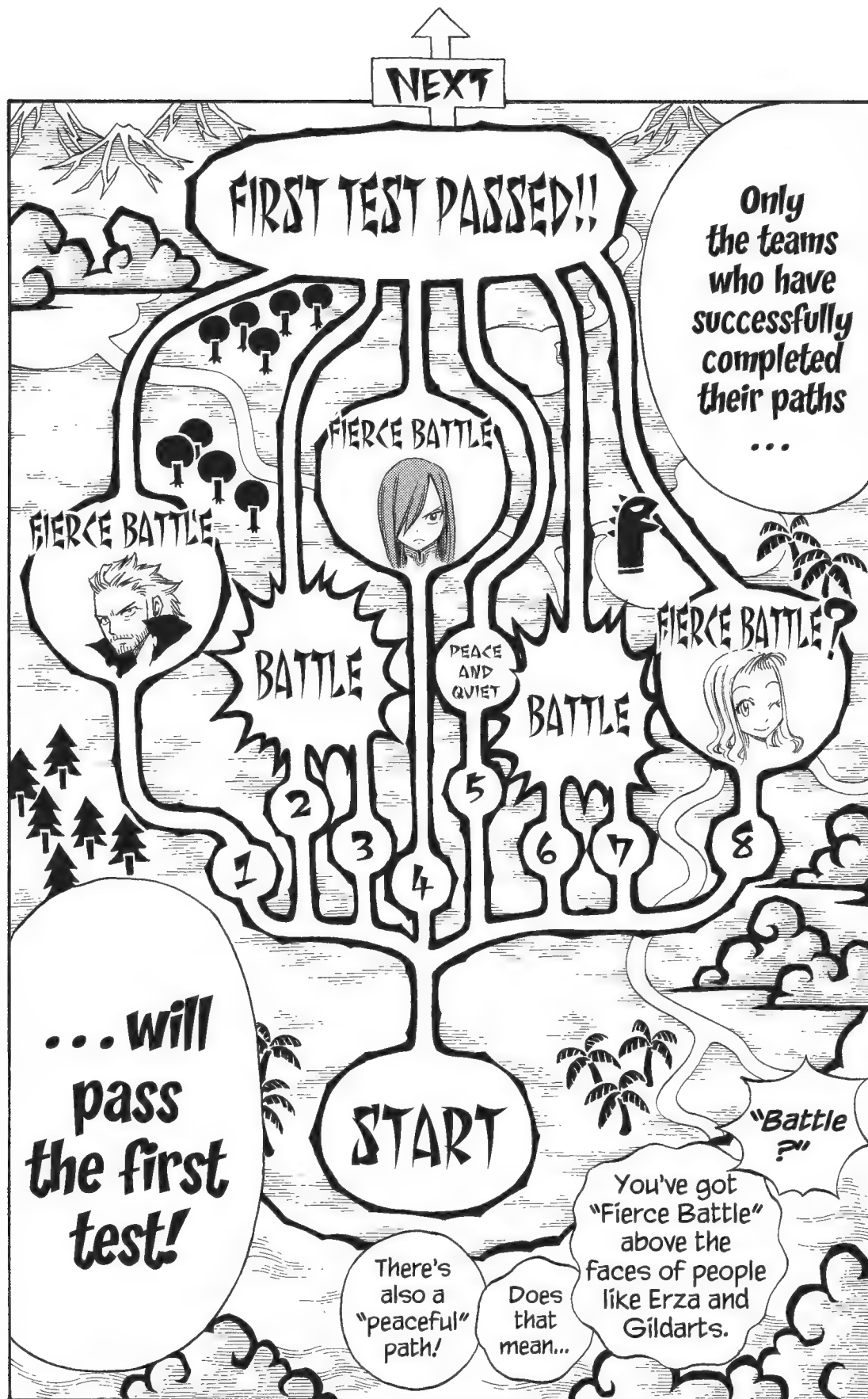


You will only be allowed one path per pair.

Once you get there, there will be *eight paths*.



And the paths will proceed like this.



Gray and  
Loke Team

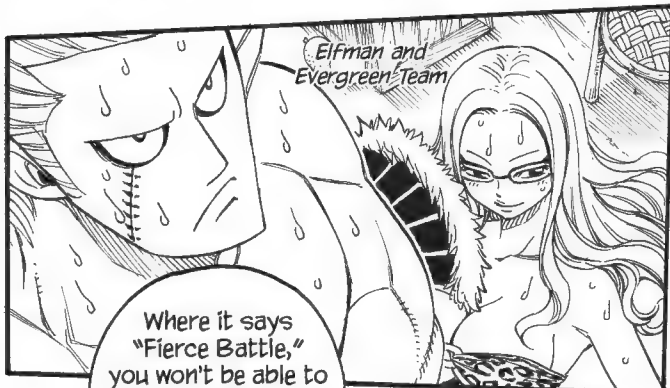


Natsu and  
Happy Team



Of the  
eight paths, the  
"Battle" routes are  
where two teams  
will bump into each  
other. Only one  
team can pass  
through to the  
end.

Elfman and  
Evergreen Team



Where it says  
"Fierce Battle,"  
you won't be able to  
advance unless you  
defeat an S-Class  
wizard. Those  
are the toughest  
routes.

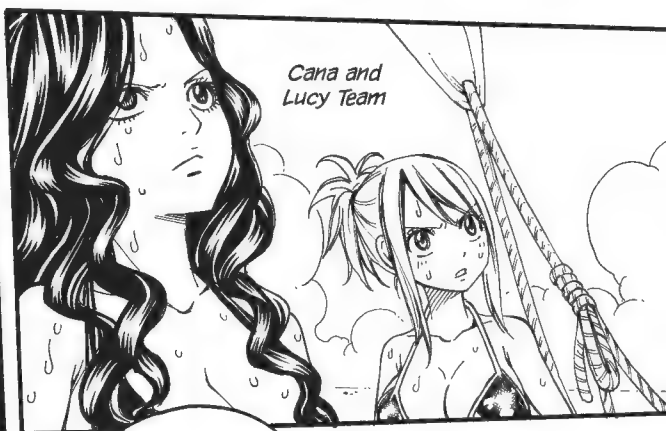
Juvia and  
Lisanna Team



Cana and  
Lucy Team



Fried and  
Bickslow Team



The "peace and  
quiet" path is one  
where there will be  
no battles. It's an  
automatic pass  
to the second  
test.

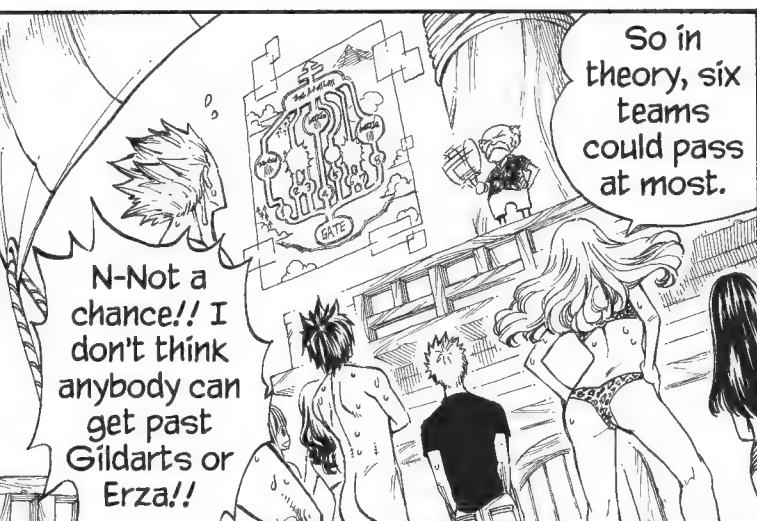
Mest and  
Wendy Team

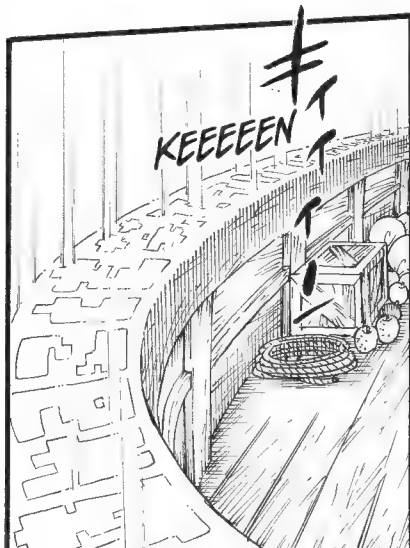


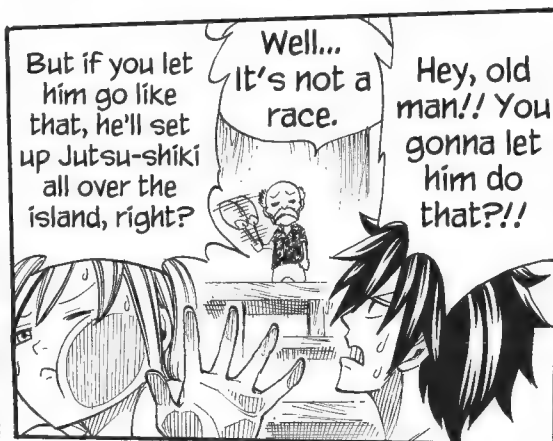
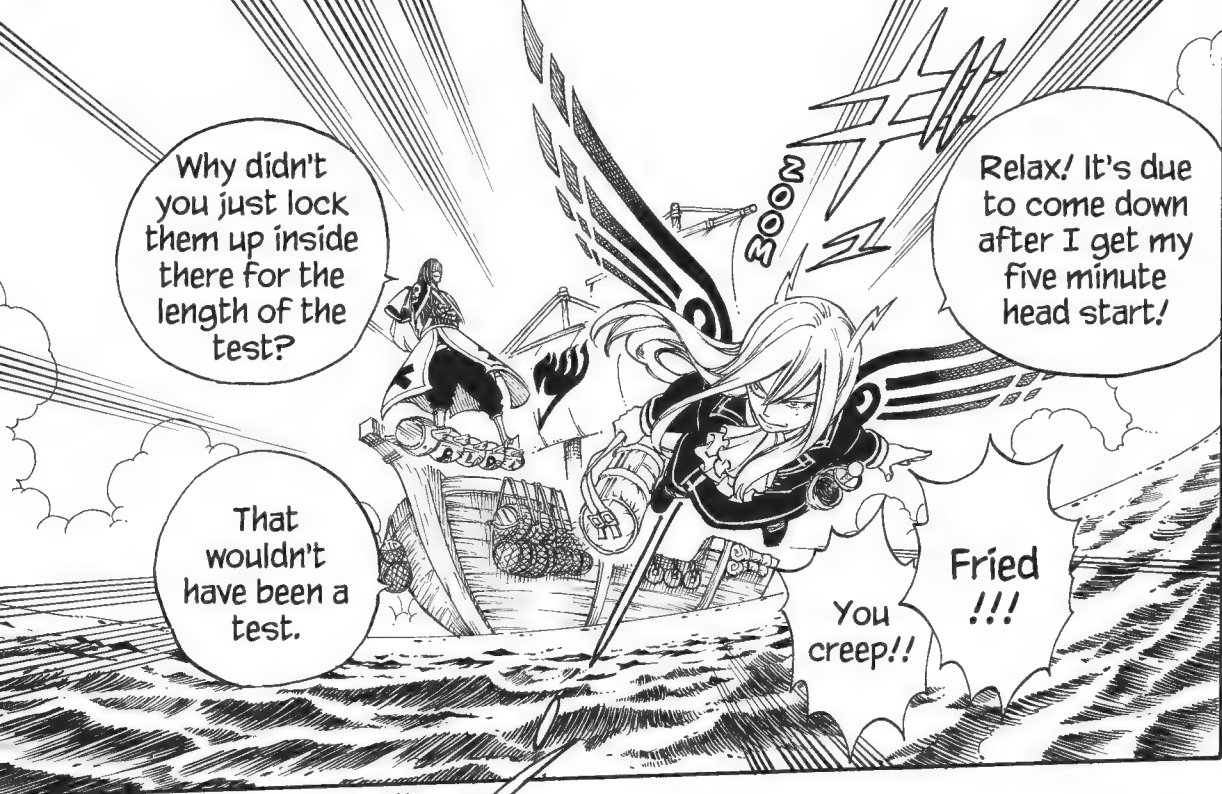
Levy and  
Gajeel Team





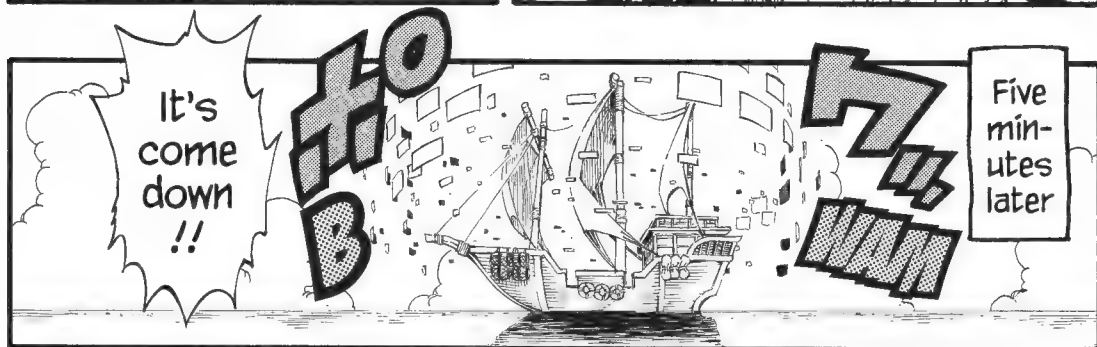












Right!!

Loke, here we go!!

At least wear under-wear!

Let's go, Lucy!!!!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Ice make...

Aye, Sir!!

BOOM!!

Happy!!!

Right!!

Loke, here we go!!

At least wear under-wear!

Let's go, Lucy!!!!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Ice make...

Aye, Sir!!

BOOM!!

Happy!!!

DAMNISH!!

Right!!

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SHAKEN SHAKEN

Ice make...

Aye, Sir!!

Happy!!!

DOOOOM!!

Right!!

At least wear under-wear!

Loke, here we go!!

Let's go, Lucy!!!!

DAMNISH!!

SHAKE KE KE KE KE KE

Ice make...

Aye, Sir!!

DOOOOM!!

Happy!!!

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BOOM!!

Happy!!!

Right!!

At least wear under-wear!

Loke, here we go!!

Let's go, Lucy!!!!

DAMNISH!!

SHAKEN SHAKEN SHAKEN

Ice make...

Aye, Sir!!

Happy!!!

DOOOOM!!

DAMN!!

Right!!

Loke, here we go!!

At least wear under-wear!

Let's go, Lucy!!!!

SHAKEN

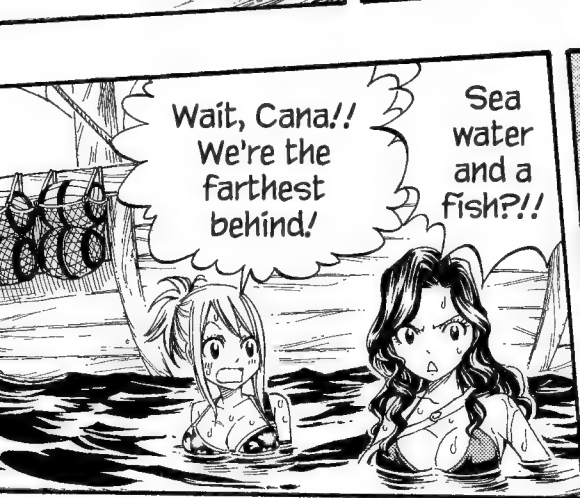
Ice make...

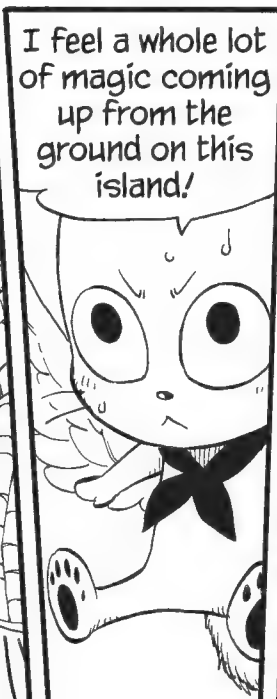
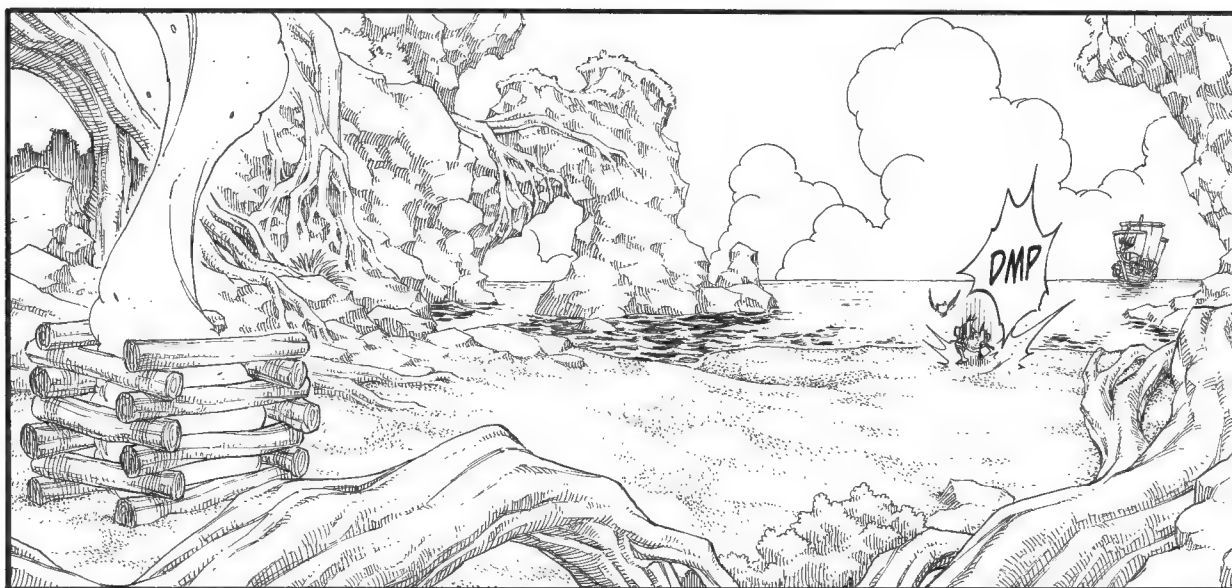
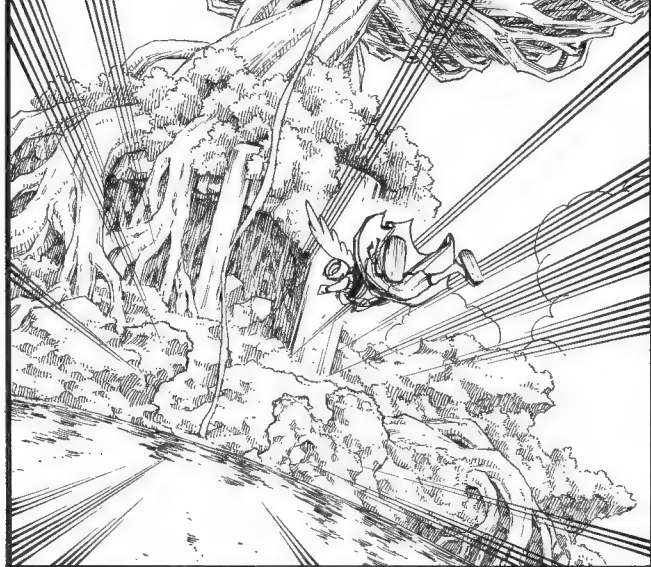
Aye, Sir!!

Happy!!!

DOOOOM!!









**Let's  
gooo  
!!!!**



It means  
four routes  
are already  
blocked  
off!!!

....That  
means...





Why would  
you *choose*  
Erza's  
route?!

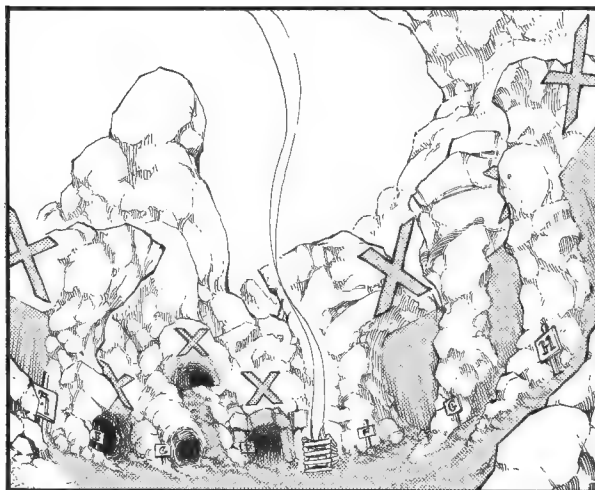
That's an  
E!! That's  
gotta mean  
that Erza's  
on the  
route!!

Why else?!  
I always  
wanted to  
win against  
her!!!



Hmm...

Which'll  
we take,  
Natsu?



Whoa!!  
He's already  
decided  
that she's  
on this  
path.

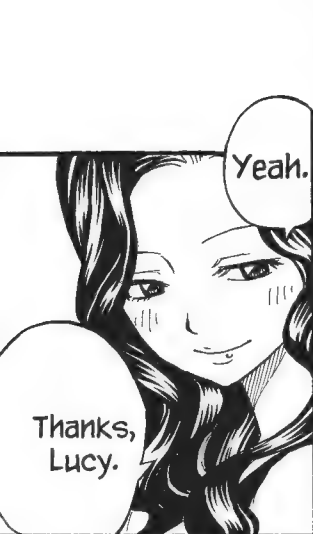
Just  
you wait,  
Erza!!!



It's all right!!  
As they say,  
"The last shall  
be first!"

Seven  
X-marks.

So we  
*were* the  
last here  
after all.



Yeah.

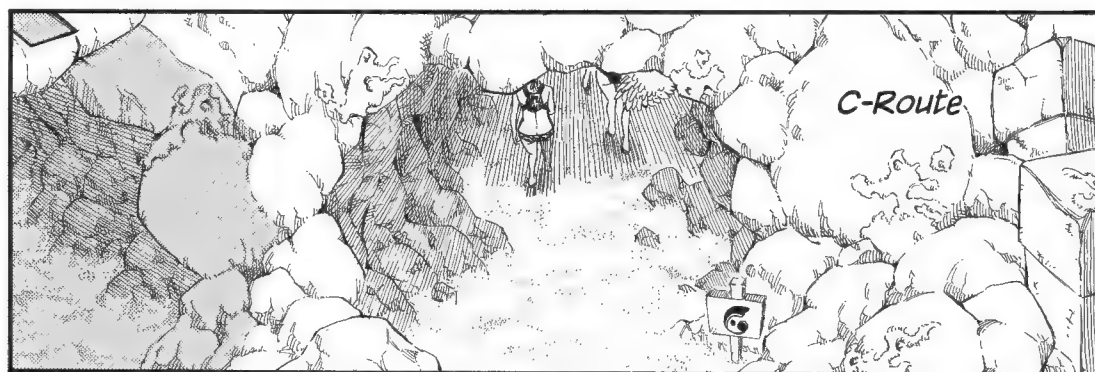
Thanks,  
Lucy.



Let's be sure  
to make you  
an S-Class  
wizard, okay,  
Cana?



And one  
thing I got  
is luck!



C-Route



Bugs  
whose  
bodies  
glow.

Spirit-  
luminescent  
bugs. You  
usually see  
them in  
summer.

It's a lot  
brighter  
than I'd  
expect.



Sign: Battle

...  
Battle  
?!!!

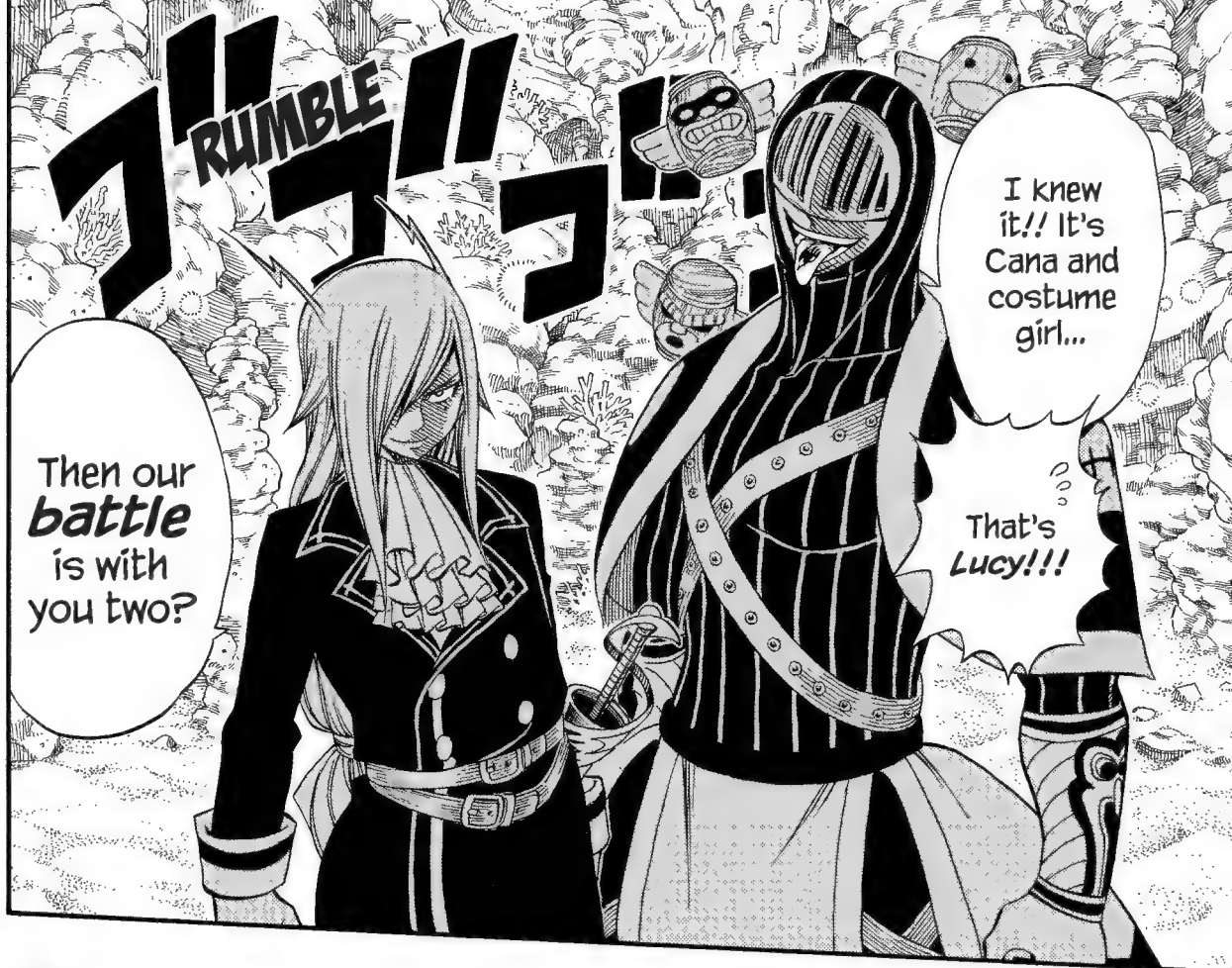


This  
can't be  
a...

Who's  
there  
?!



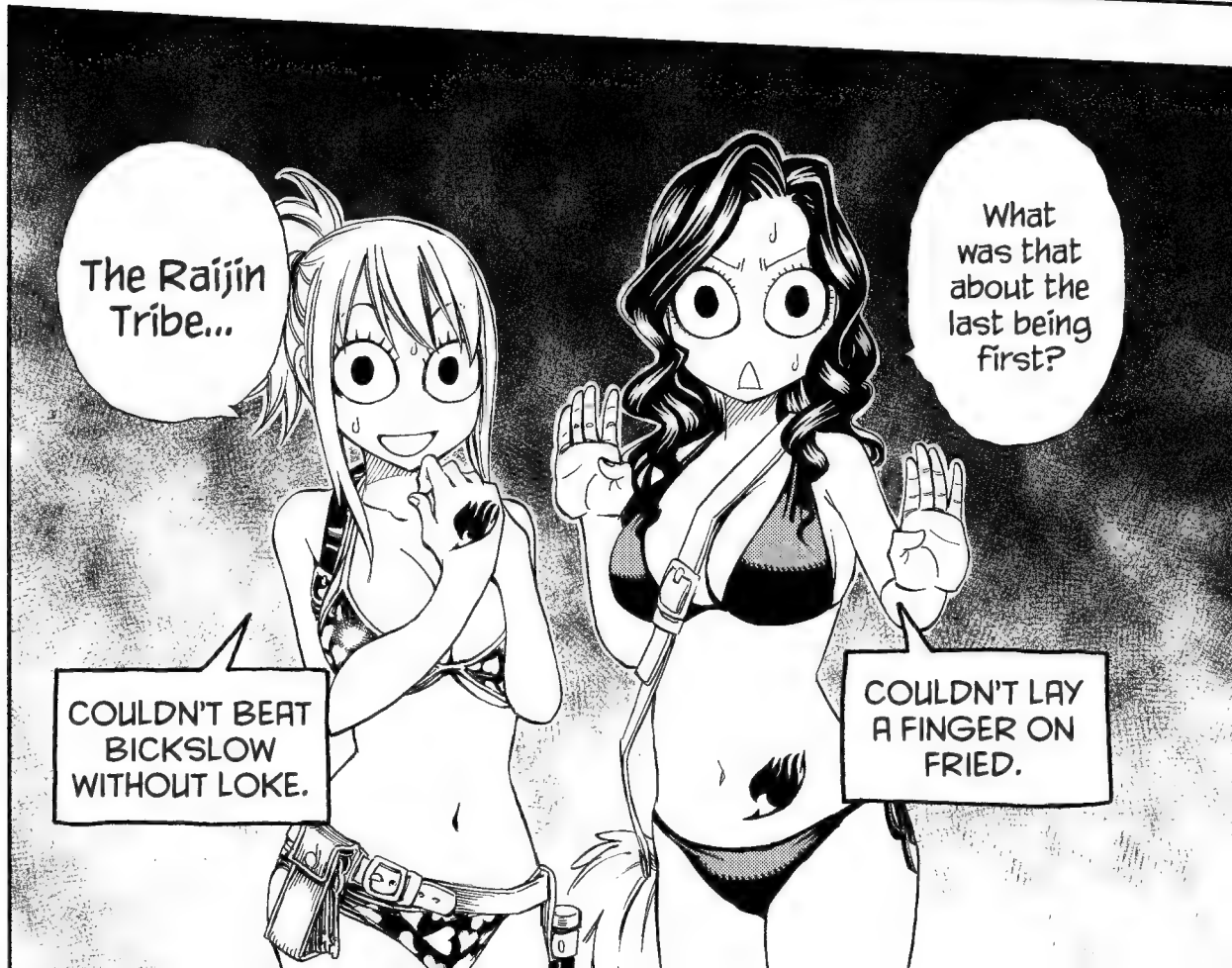
Hey,  
I hear  
voices!



Then our  
***battle***  
is with  
you two?

I knew  
it!! It's  
Cana and  
costume  
girl...

That's  
***Lucy!!!***



The Raijin  
Tribe...

What  
was that  
about the  
last being  
first?

COULDN'T BEAT  
BICKSLOW  
WITHOUT LOKE.

COULDN'T LAY  
A FINGER ON  
FRIED.



# FAIRY TAIL

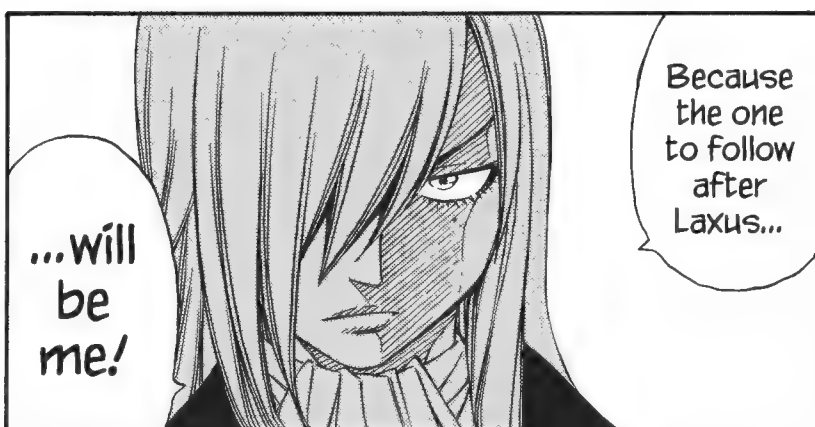
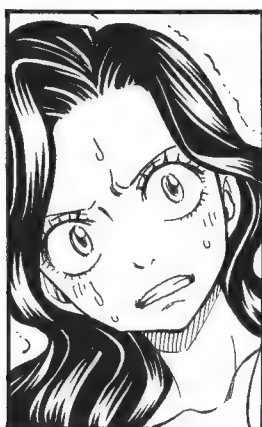
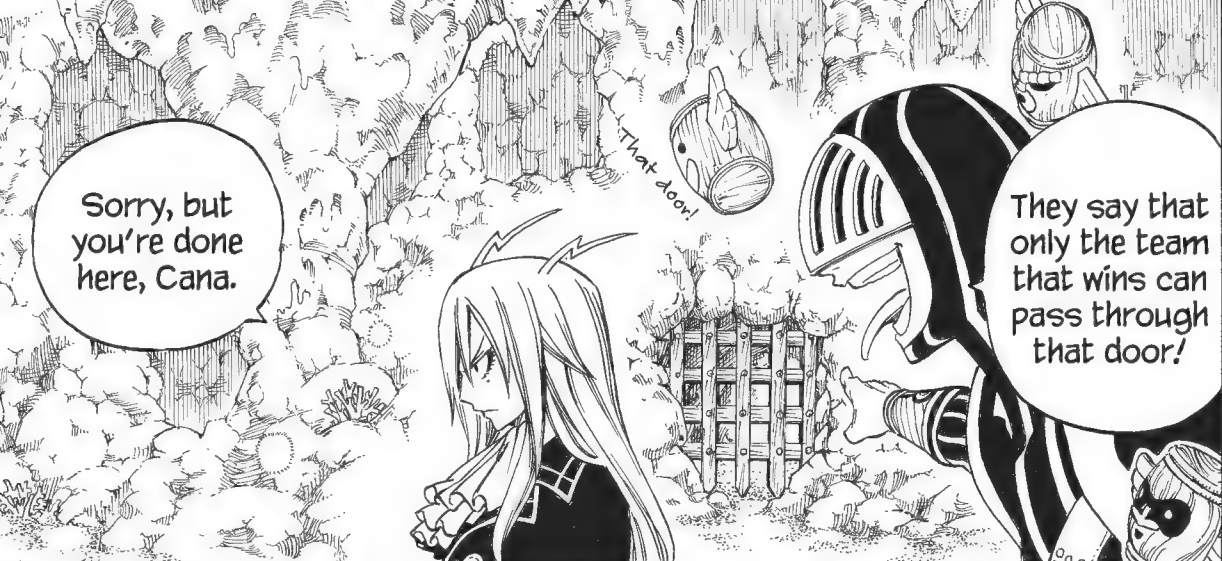
フェアリーテイル

## Chapter 204: Who Is the Lucky One



# S-Class Wizard Test, First Trial...





...will  
be  
me!

Because  
the one  
to follow  
after  
Lexus...



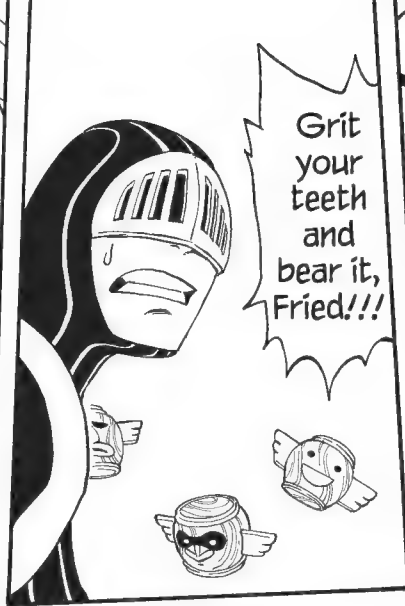
So let's  
fight!!







UWAH!!



Grit your teeth and bear it, Fried!!!



Girls came out of her cards !!!

How lewd can a person get?!



I got no choice!! I'm gonna have to step in...



I knew it!! He really doesn't know how to deal with women!!

What just happened?!



KEEN

Open!! Gate of the Virgin Palace!!!



Lucy !!

Right !!!

Full  
Service  
Version  
!!!

VIRGO  
!!!!

OOM

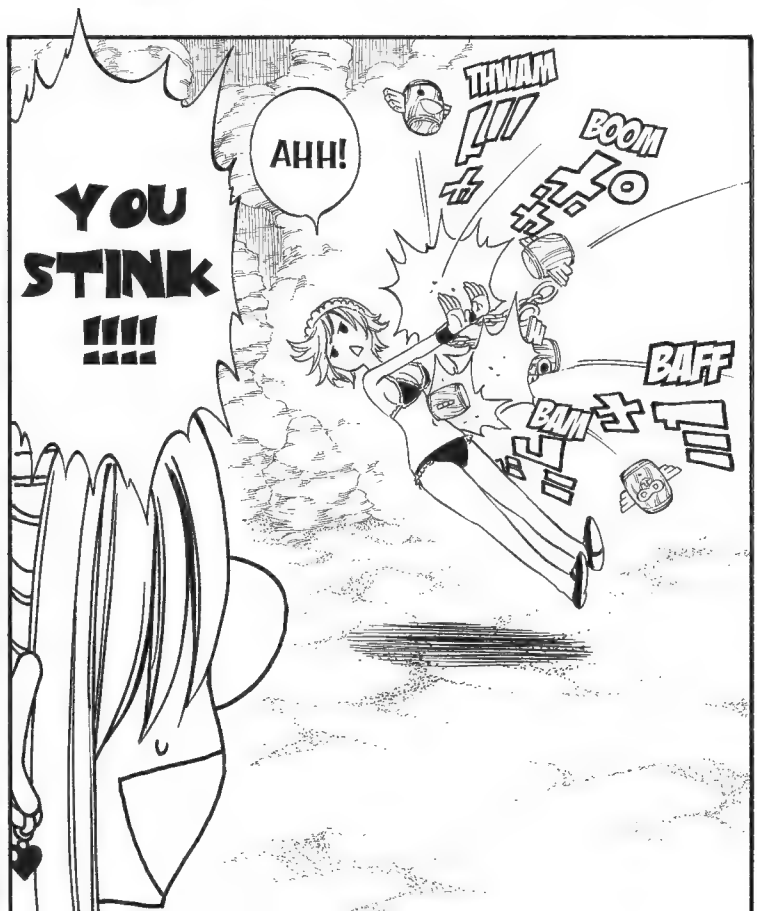
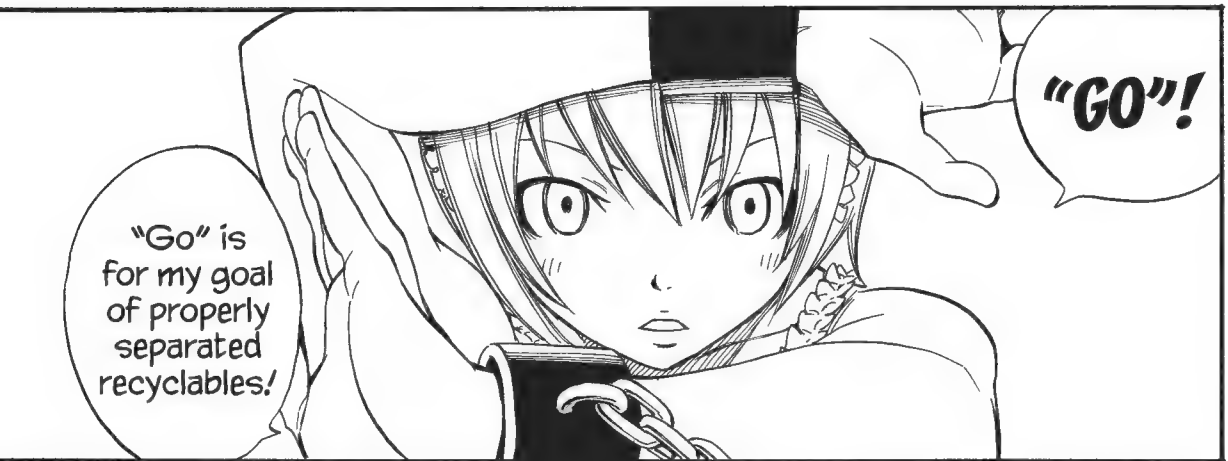
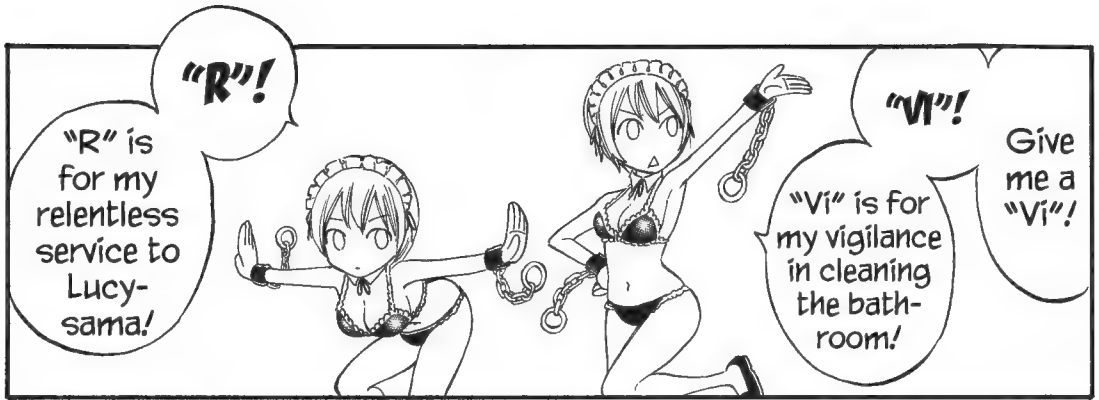
BOO

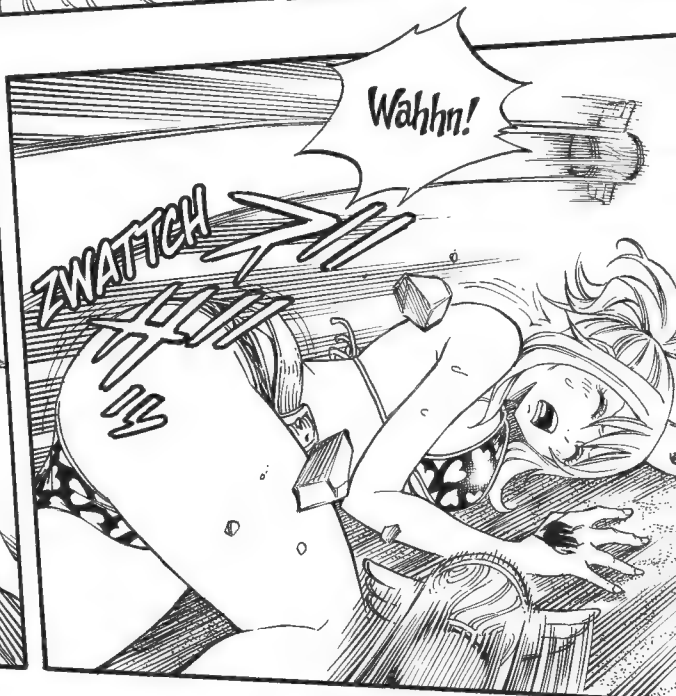
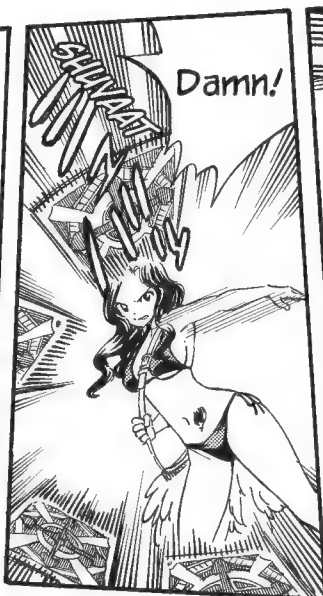
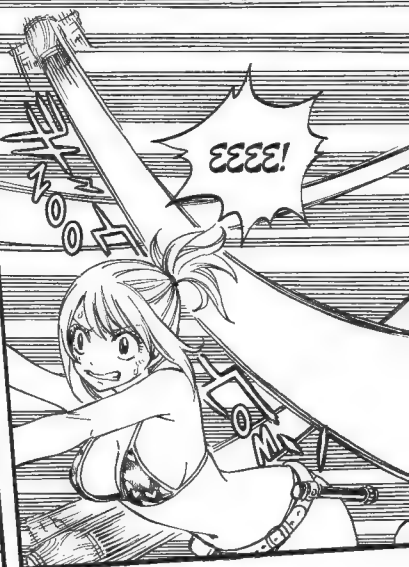
That  
won't  
work on  
me!!

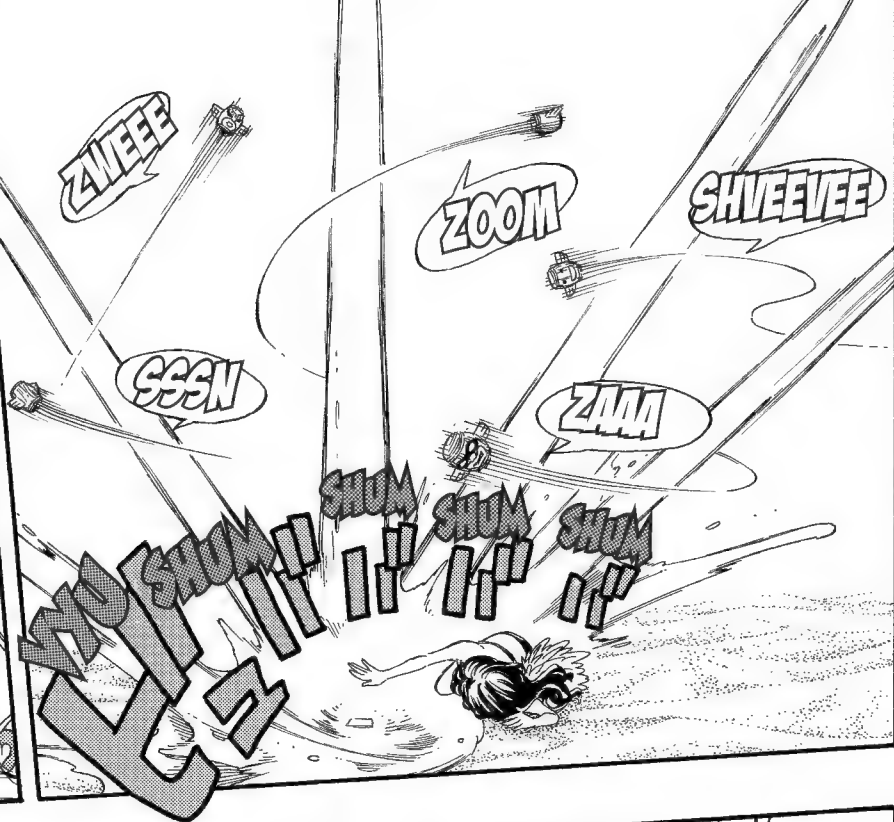
Y-You  
mean  
one  
more  
?!!

Go,  
Babies!!













Take  
this  
!!!!



An-  
other  
bathing  
suit  
?!!



Woah  
!!!!

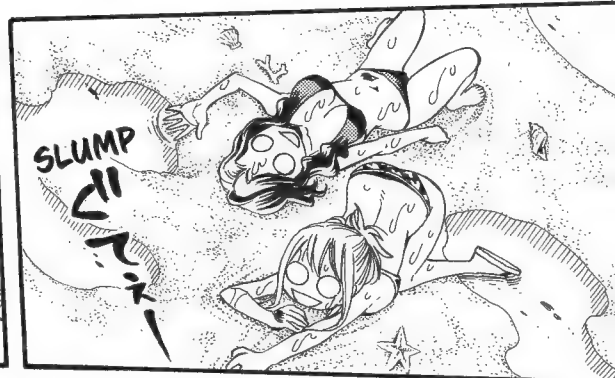


What  
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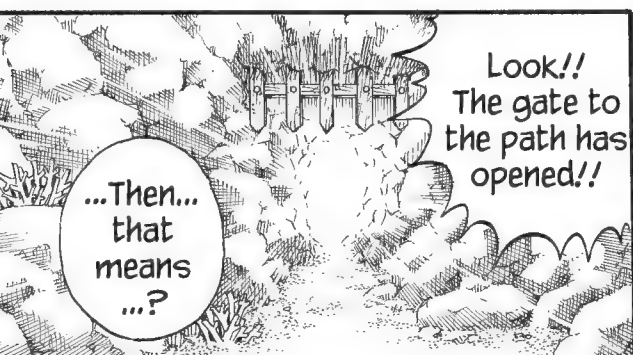
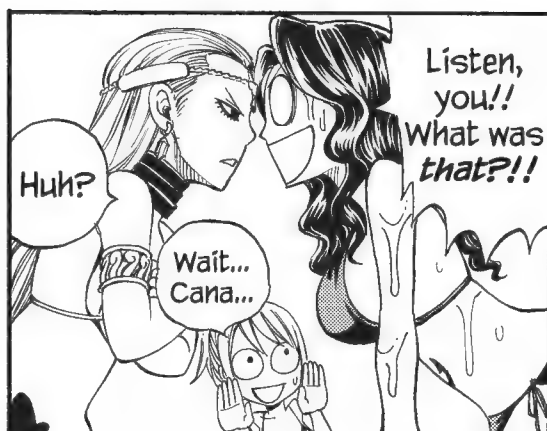
Cana!!  
Grab on to  
something  
!!!

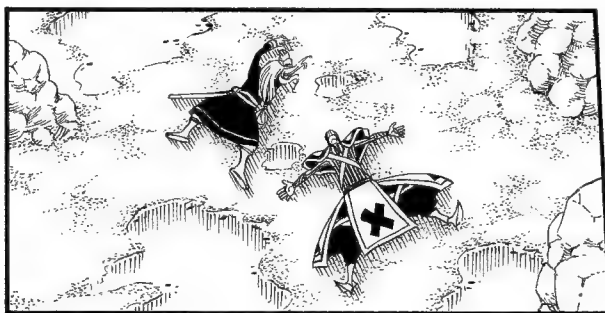










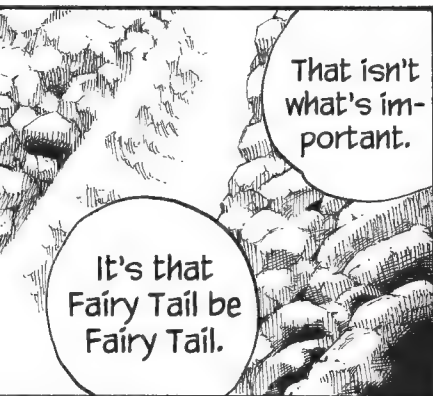




But I  
owe a  
debt to  
those  
two.

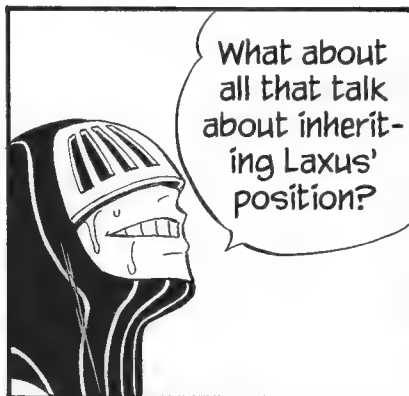
I decided  
from the  
start to do  
this if it  
came to a  
battle with  
them.

If it  
had been  
any other  
team, I'd  
have gone  
full out.



That isn't  
what's im-  
portant.

It's that  
Fairy Tail be  
Fairy Tail.



What about  
all that talk  
about inherit-  
ing Laxus' position?



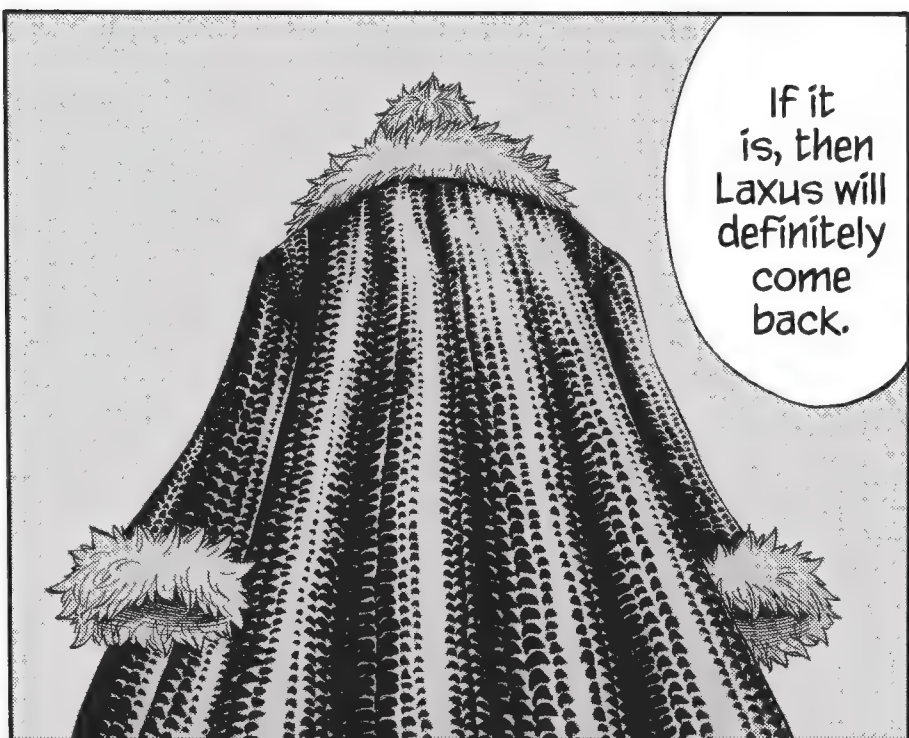
Probably.

Don't you  
think you  
overdid that  
stupid "weak  
with women"  
concept?



... But the  
last thing I  
expected...

...was to go  
up against  
Lucy and  
Cana...



If it  
is, then  
Laxus will  
definitely  
come  
back.

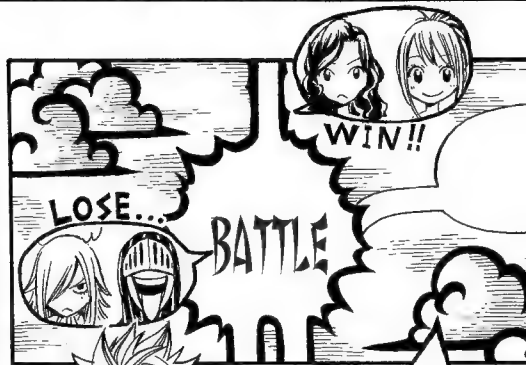




They're pretty lucky, huh?



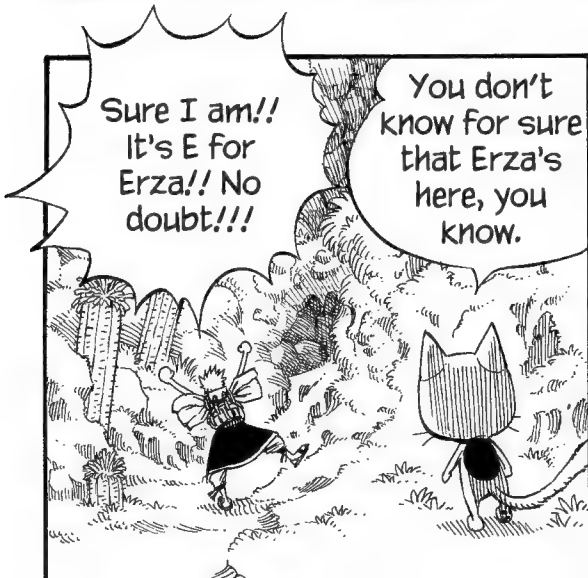
E-Route ...



WIN!!

LOSE...

BATTLE



Sure I am!!  
It's E for Erza!! No doubt!!!

You don't know for sure that Erza's here, you know.



Erza!!  
Hurry up and come fight me!!!

Let's have a showdown !!!!



...and that's  
when I get  
to be an  
S-Class  
Wizard  
!!!!

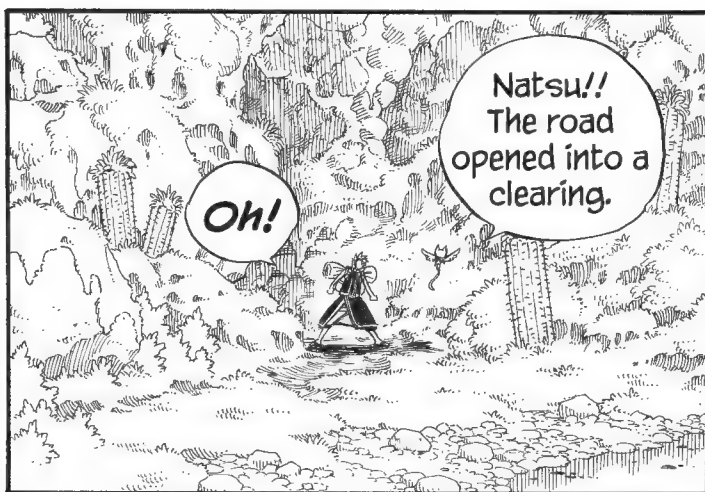


So I just  
go over  
there  
and take  
down  
Erza...



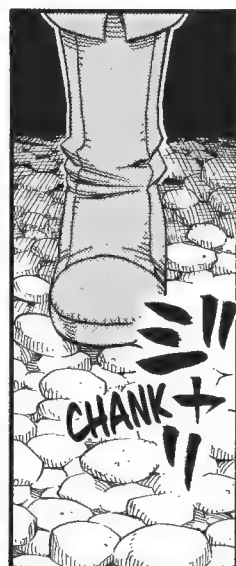
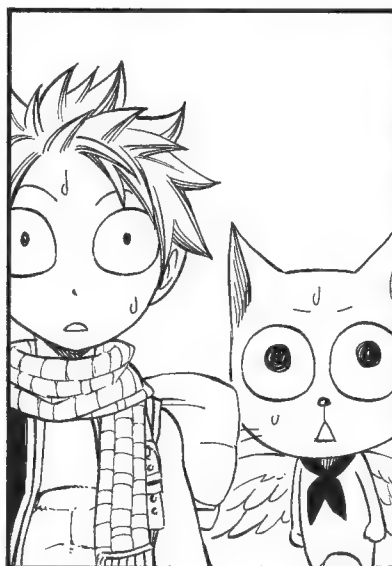
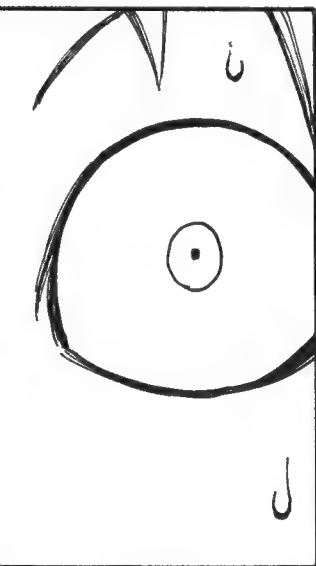
Some-  
body's  
here!

Who can  
it be?



Oh!

Natsu!!  
The road  
opened into a  
clearing.









You know  
that I hate  
pullin' my  
punches.



It's all  
over!



Yo,  
Natsu!  
Bad luck,  
huh?

*Gildarts*  
!!!!



**I'M  
ALL  
FIRED  
UP  
!!!!**

**GWOOOO**

TO BE CONTINUED

# Afterword

# あとがき



And it's the start of, "Let the S-Class Test Begin!!" Just when I couldn't come up with a good, exciting plot, my editor made a suggestion, and it turned into this "hot" new story! I had thought of doing an S-Class test story for a while, but I had always thought of it as a contest between Natsu and Gray. But since we're here, I thought it would be a lot more fun if we got the guild into the series. So it's turned into a story that includes a lot of the guild members. But at the same time, with the huge cast, it makes both drawing and story plotting a lot more difficult. Figuring out who gets put up against who and what's going to happen in the end... It isn't the hardest thing I've ever done, but it took me a long time to work the whole thing through. Now, you can see the chaos that is my thought process, on the inside covers of the book. I mean, everything is all messed up! (By the way, my initial plan for this story and the story you will read are going to be very different.) So in the next volume, you'll find out who that mysterious man who appeared in Chapter 200 was, but I'll bet it's impossible to predict. I know that since I haven't even placed a single hint of it in the book because I want it to be a complete surprise to the readers.

# EMERGENCY REQUEST!



## The lake behind the guild...

**Mira:** Sigh...

**Lucy:** What's wrong? What's with the sighs all of a sudden?

**Mira:** There were suddenly a lot of questions without anybody asking permission...

**Lucy:** But that means this corner is getting popular! That's a good thing, right?

**Mira:** It also means that there is a lot to complain about with this book.

**Lucy:** Now, now. Let's not overthink it. Let's pick up our game and get to the first question.

*In the side story in Volume 19, Lucy said she had been in the guild for a year, but in the continuing story, it's only half a year. What is that about?*



**Lucy:** That question...comes up a lot.

**Lucy:** I guess it can be a little hard to follow.

**Mira:** The truth is the side stories take place a little while ahead of the main story.

**Mira:** But you know... About now the author will be having a few problems.

**Mira:** True. It seems that he thought the guild of a year from now would be pretty much the same as the guild is now.

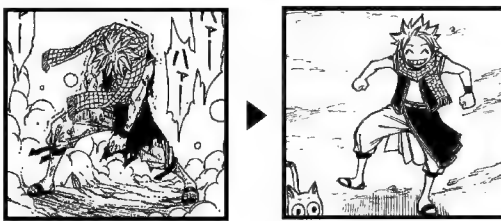
**Lucy:** Yeah, the whole thing is beginning to look a little suspicious...

**Lucy:** So I'll clear it all up right now. From now on, if there are any discrepancies between the side stories and the continuing story line, those side stories all become **LUCY'S DREAM**, and we'll leave it at that.

**Lucy:** You're going to actually use the old, "It was all a dream" cliché?!!

**Mira:** Next question.

*Just how many sets of the same clothes does Natsu have?*



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Continued from the left-hand page.

**Lucy:** They're always getting ripped to shreds, and later they're right back to normal, huh?

**Mira:** Those clothes are a special type that doesn't burn.

**Lucy:** Wha?! Is that right?!!

**Mira:** Sure! They were made special for him by a Magnolia tailor.

**Lucy:** He could get a different design now and again.

**Lucy:** Face it. It's a pain to come up with things like that. For the author...

**Lucy:** You shouldn't be saying things like that...

*How was Mystogan able to close the anima?*



**Mira:** Before we try to answer that, first we have to reveal a bit of Mystogan's back story.

**Lucy:** His real name is Jellal. He's the Jellal from Edolas.

**Mira:** A long time ago, when Laxus said, "Another..." that's what he was talking about. "Another Jellal," was what he was about to say.

**Lucy:** How Laxus knew about it is a mystery though.

**Mira:** And six years ago, he came to Earth-land to close the anima.

**Lucy:** Anima are those holes in the sky, remember?

**Mira:** Right! Mystogan used those rods of his to close the holes in the sky. He'd go, "Unf!" and do it.

**Lucy:** Really...? But Mystogan was originally from Edolas, so he doesn't have any magic inside him...

**Lucy:** All of his magic came from those rods he always carried around with him.

**Lucy:** I wonder if everybody from there is doing okay...

**Mira:** They're fine! I'm sure they're all doing just great! After all, Mystogan is a member of the Fairy Tail guild!

**Lucy:** That's true, huh?

**Lucy:** Mira!

**Mira:** Lisanna!!

**Lisanna:** Lucy's here too!! We have to go!! The party's about to start!!

**Lucy:** Party?

**Lisanna:** The party celebrating my coming back to life!! Yaay!

**Mira:** You're right. Shall we go?

**Lucy:** (Great! It looks like Mira's happy and not sighing anymore!)



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# FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

Gifu Prefecture, Rina Kato



▲ There are a lot of Wendy postcards!! Thanks!!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Baboon



▲ A sexy Erza. She's putting in her work helping to oversee the test!

Miyagi Prefecture, Tomota



▲ This one's kind of cool! This Natsu!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Sixth-Grade Clover



▲ Lisanna's popularity is on the rise too! Celebrate! She's come back to life!

Saitama Prefecture, Love ♥ FT



▲ Look at all those characters! Thanks for all the work!

Kagawa Prefecture, Okawa



▲ What's this?! Someone who has been reading me ever since my debut work? Wait, that's good!

Nagano Prefecture, Yūki Itō



▲ Whoa!! Everybody's suddenly grown fangs!



▲ The best combination!! These guys are tough!

Saitama Prefecture, G-Dan

Shizuoka Prefecture, OSK



▲ So what's going to happen between these two?

Saitama Prefecture, Rina Maruyama



▲ A rather sad Carla. It's a good thing that she made it back safely!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Rinatu



▲ Now this is amazing!! I'm sure it was a hard thing to draw!! Good job!!

Gunma Prefecture, Mai Shimizu



▲ For some reason Coco is immensely popular. Will she show up again sometime?

Oita Prefecture, Black-and-White Bunny



▲ Oh, hey! That's good! This person draws Carla better than I do!



▲ And there it is... Yeah, I thought something like this could come. This guy. And a whole lot of him...

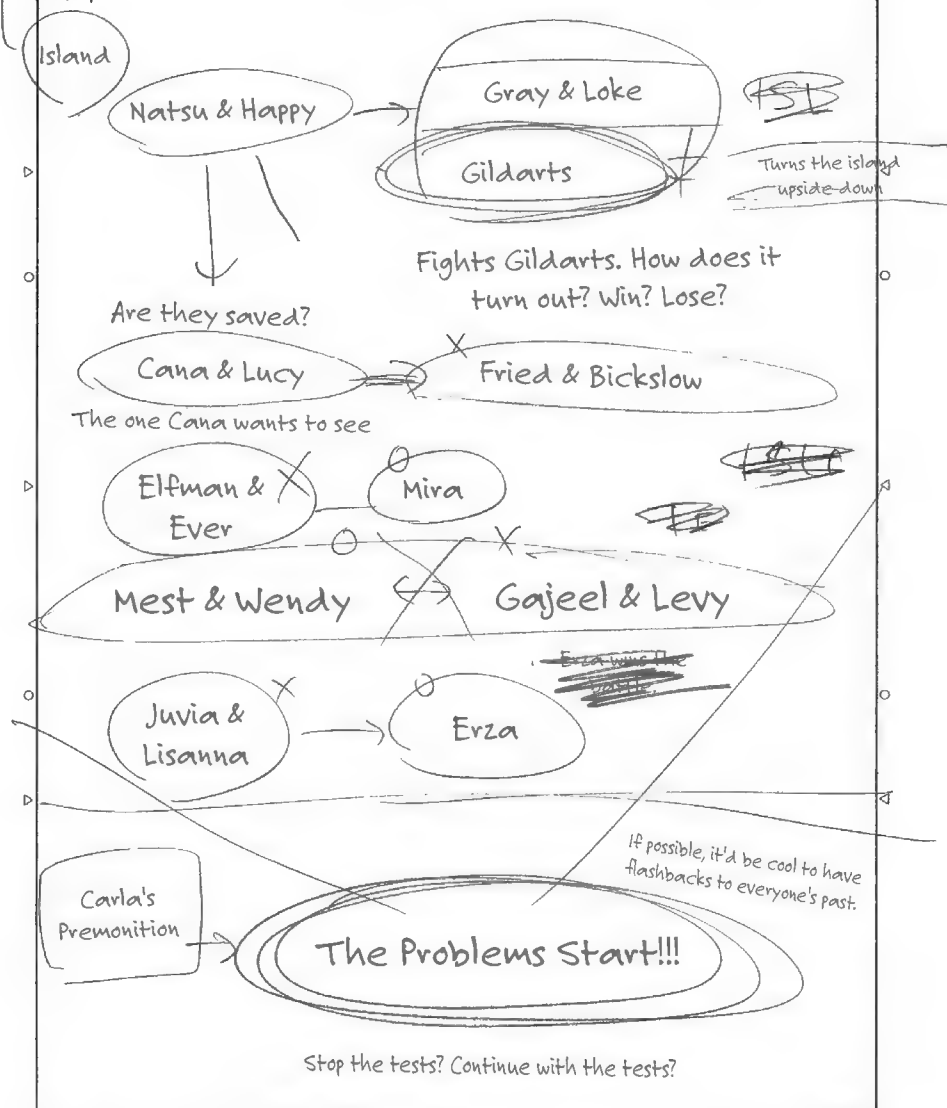
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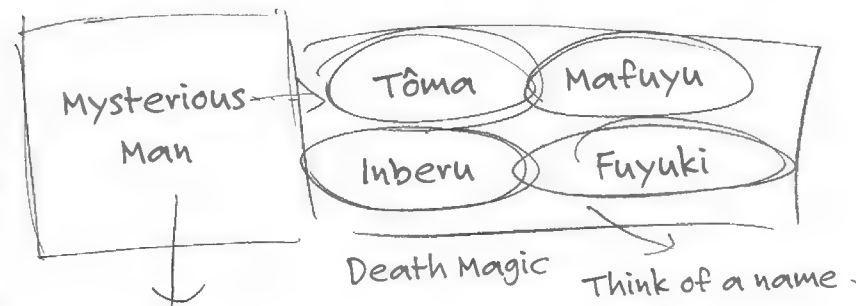
# Fairy Tail

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## Fairy Tail S-Class Wizard Test Contents



~~Mest's real identity, Grimoire Tartaros, guild man, Council Member~~



He appears before Natsu.

Cana's person.

Reason for going off alone?

Lucy → Searches for Cana

Gray → Goes on to Second Test.  
(His promise with Loke)



The Highest Level Battle!!!!

Makarov ~~loses his life.~~

The Island's Secret

A secret that Fairy Tail must not reveal about Fairy Tail's past.

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I've got too much to do lately.  
But it's all things I can't tell you  
about yet!  
I had to think about *that*.  
I had to get to work drawing *that*.  
I had to check *that* thoroughly.  
I had to...  
I had to...  
You get the picture.  
I just have too much to do that isn't  
connected with putting out my  
weekly installments in *Magazine*!  
My head is in chaos!  
I want you all to know about it now!



## Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

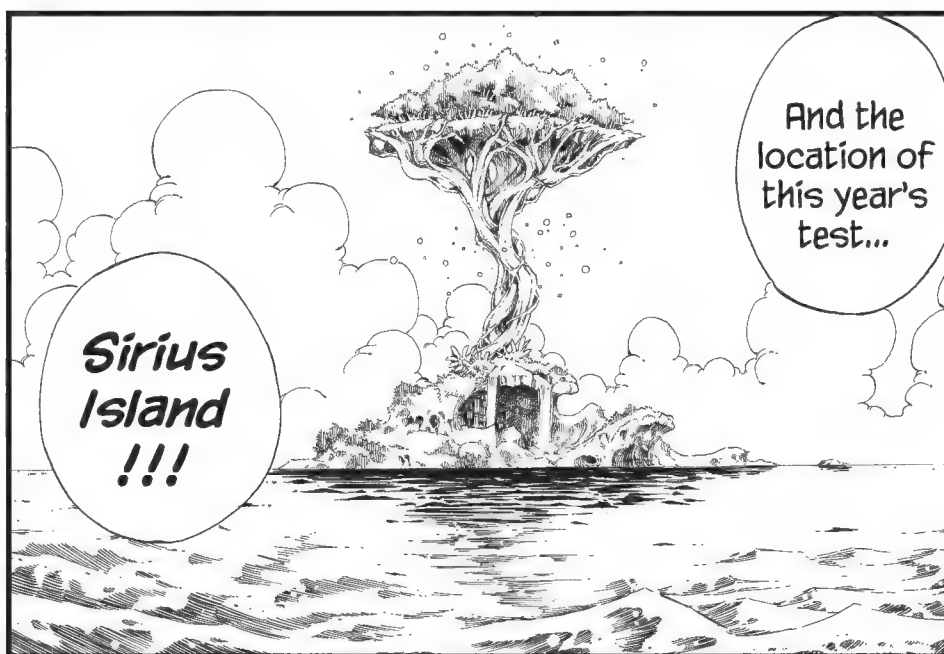
### Page 37, Blue

In Japanese, the word for "blue," *ao*, covers a range of colors from pale green to deep blue. So when someone is "green," (as in inexperienced), they use the term, *ao*, instead of "green." Unfortunately the pun doesn't work well in English considering Happy's deep blue coloring, so I left the sentence as a literal translation.



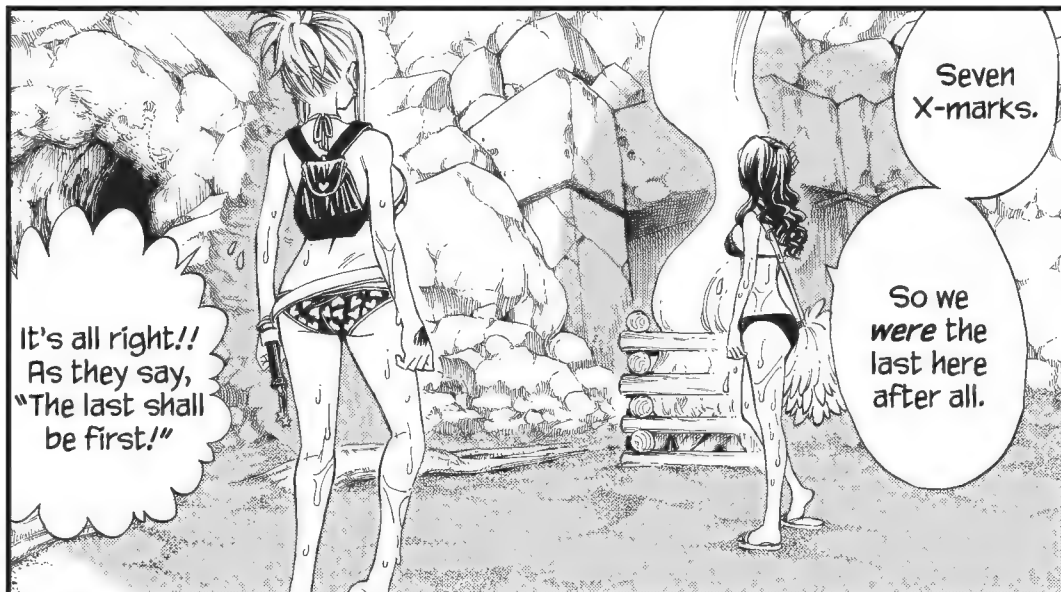
### Page 101, Sirius Island

The Japanese name for this island is Tenrô-jima ("Heaven Wolf Island,") but Tenrô is also the name for the Dog Star of the heavens, Sirius.



## Page 144, The last shall be first

In the original, this was a common Japanese phrase, "*Nokorimono ni wa fuku ga aru*," meaning that those who are left behind have special providence.



## Page 145, Spirit-luminescent

The original Japanese was, *riekô mushi*, which, using different kanji, is the same Japanese word for bioluminescence. In bioluminescence, the first *kanji* is *rei* and means, "cold" (referring to a light source other than fire or incandescence). In the Fairy Tail world, the first *kanji* is also pronounced *rei*, but it means "ghost" or "spirit."



## Page 153, "Vi"

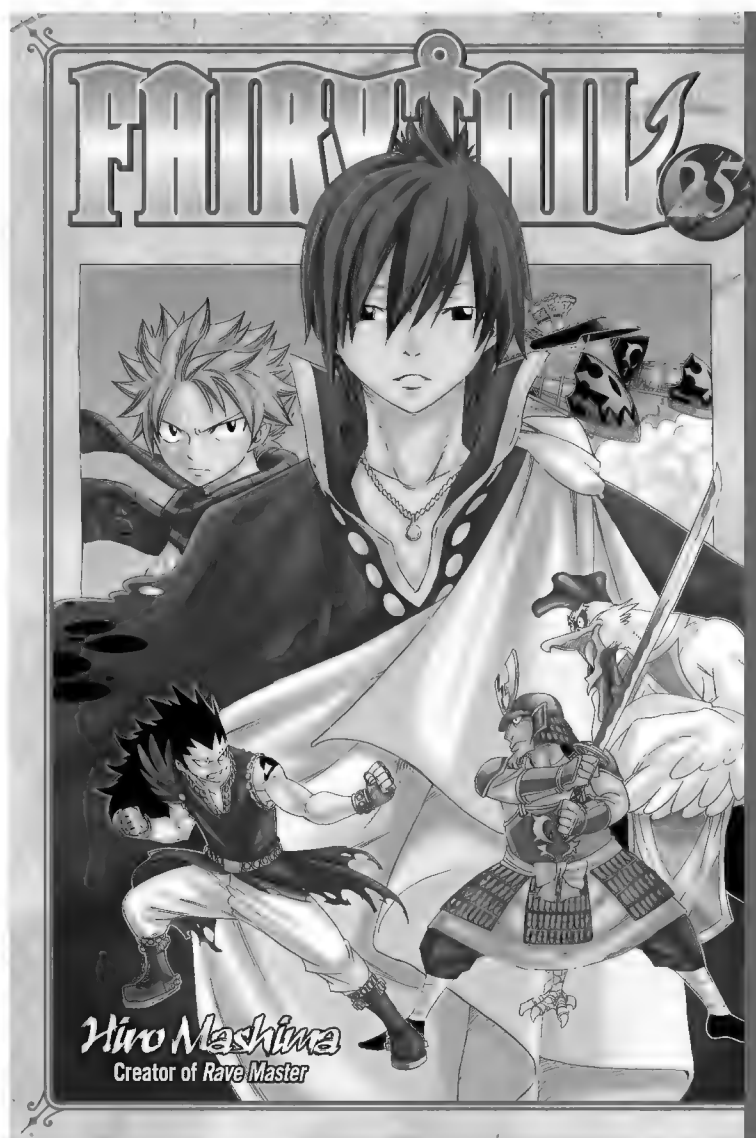
### is for vigilant cleaning

The Japanese version was pretty much the same, only it used the Japanese syllabery rather than the alphabet. So Virgo, which is spelled *Barugo* in Japanese, used the same "Vi is for" pattern, but instead did it for "ba," "ru," and "go."

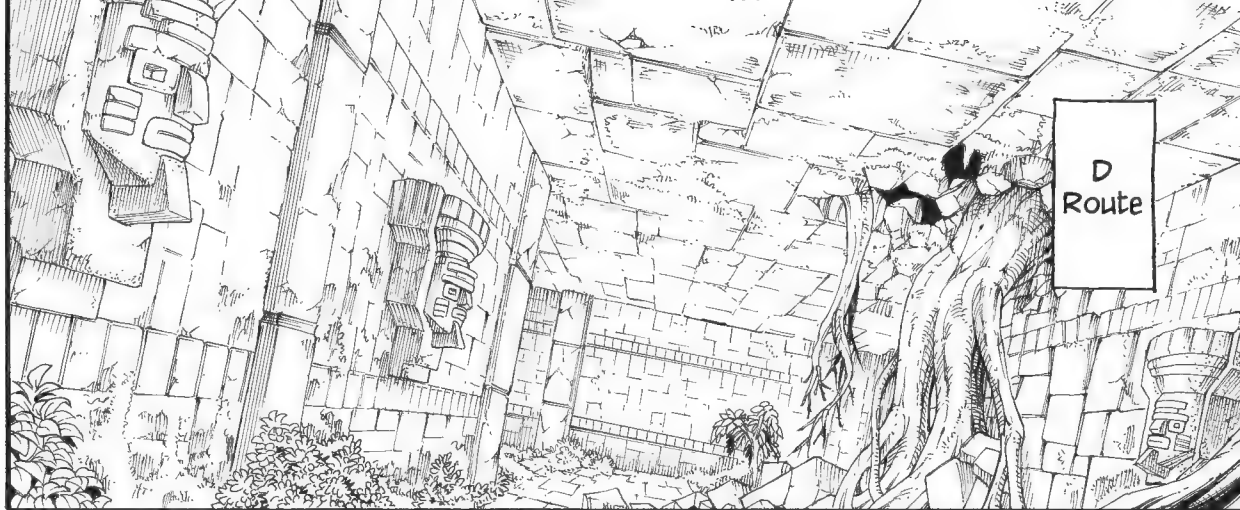


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D  
Route



Armor of  
the Sea  
King!

It protects  
her completely  
against your  
attacks,  
Juvia!

She's  
strong  
...!!!

Has she  
always  
been...this  
strong?



Well,  
Juvia?

You'll  
never be an  
S-Class  
wizard at  
this rate.



...beat  
you!!



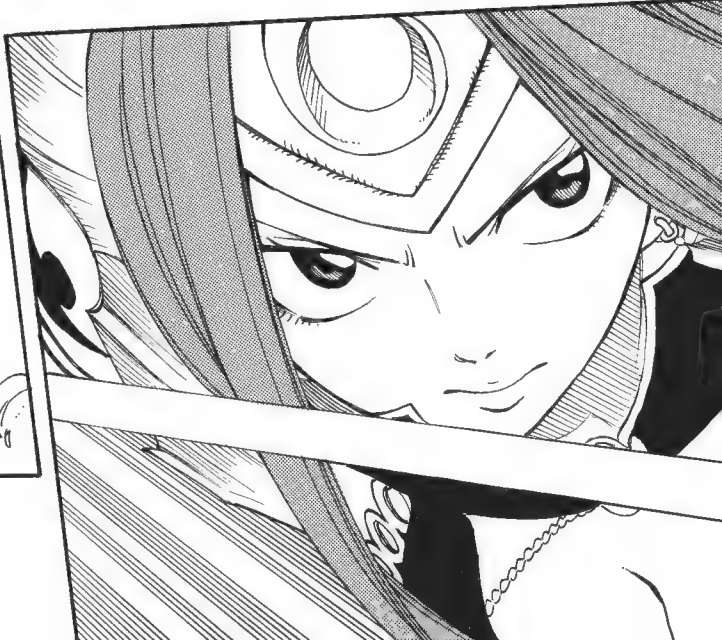
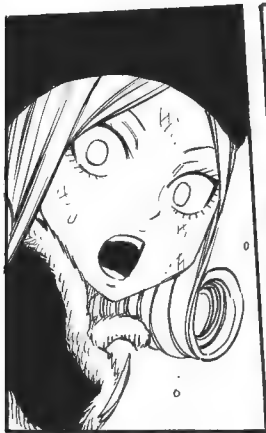
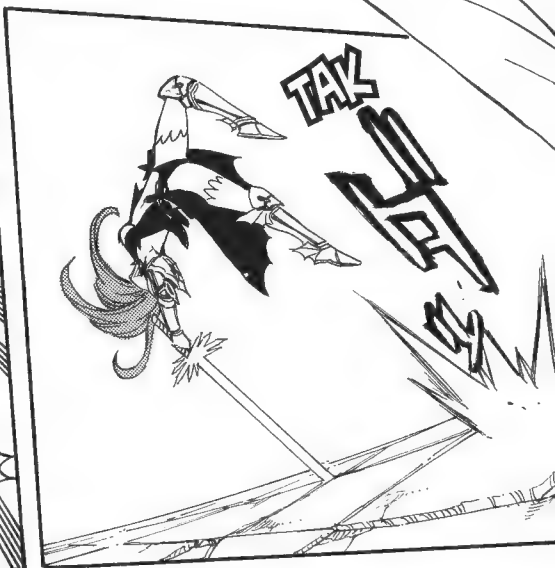
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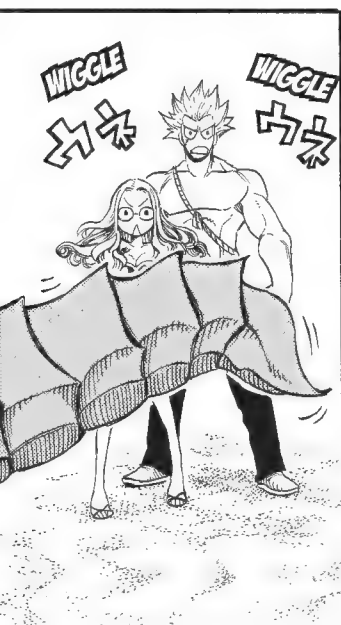
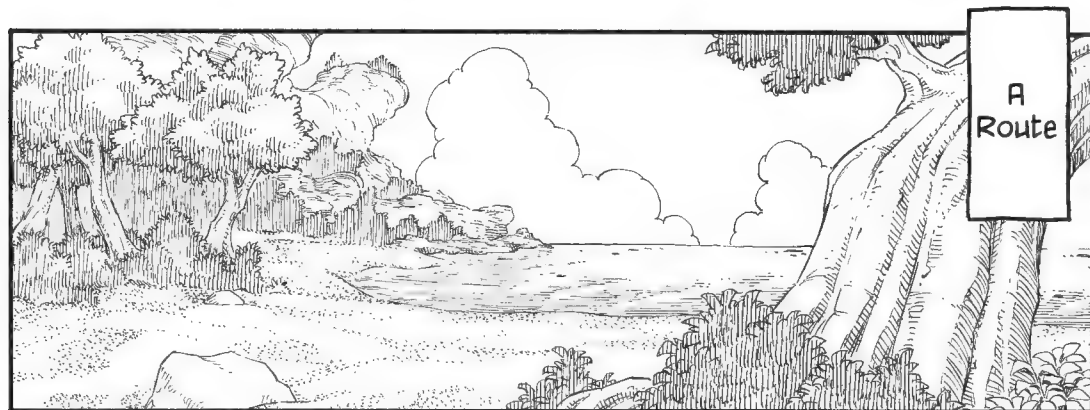
WATER  
SLICER  
!!!!



I've got  
you now,  
Erza!!!









You may be my brother, but I won't pull my punches...

Elfman!



So this is a full-fledged...

W  
A  
A  
A  
!







# ATTACK ON TITAN

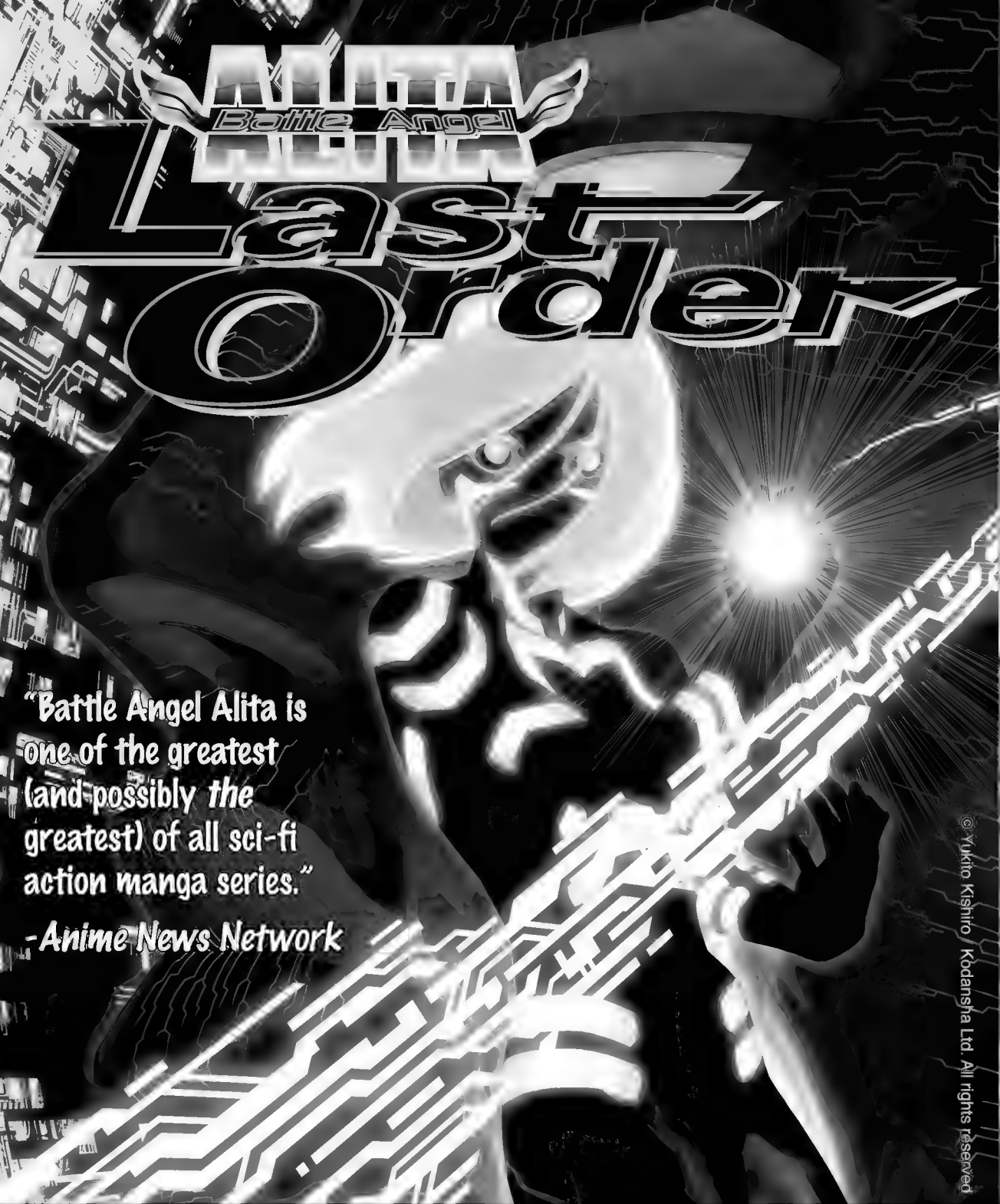


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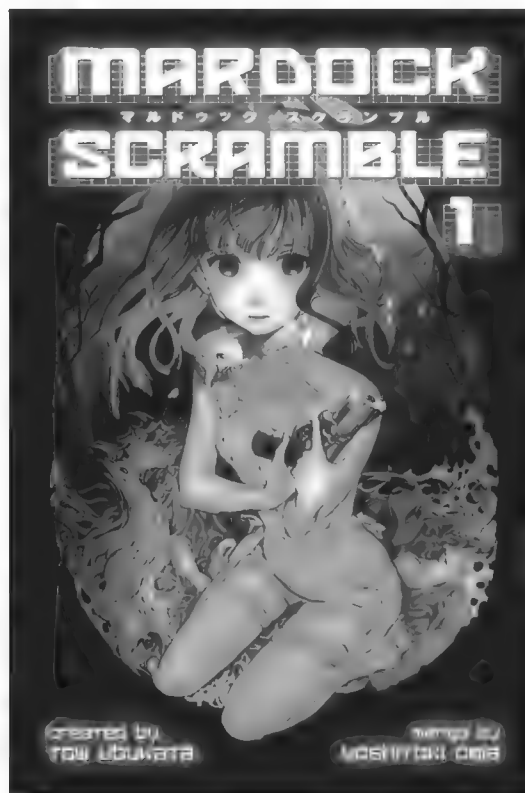
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“I’d rather be d

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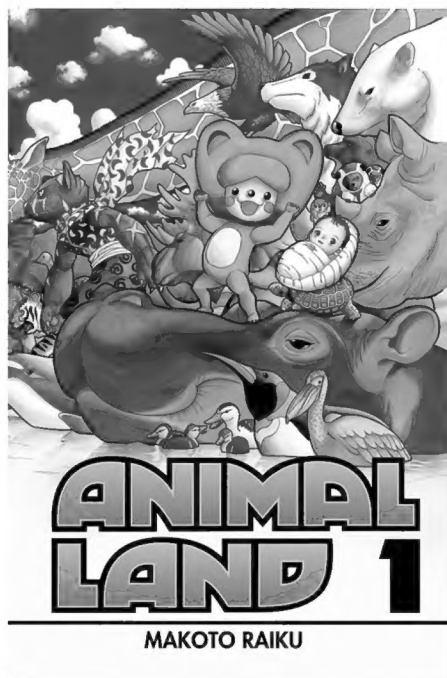
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